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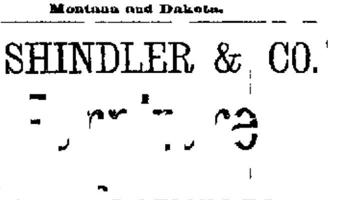

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WASHINGTON.

Probable River and Harbor Appropriations for Oregon.

THE MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE

Issuance of Silver Certificates—Exports and Imports—Secretary Whitney Gives the Little Folks a Christmas

WASHINGTON, Dec 24 —The committee on rivers and harbors have now considered the Oregon items, and Hermann, who has been in active consultation with the committee, thinks that in view of the disposition to frame a small bill this session, the following will be the most Oregon can expect, and what she will probably receive Mouth of Columbia, $1[illegible],000 Cascade locks, $100 000 Yaquina bay $55 000 Coos bay, $25,000 Willamette river above Portland, $[illegible] 00 Lower Willamette and Columbia, $35,000 Coquille river, $1[illegible] 000 Umpqua $6000 Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, $5[illegible]00 The committee has generally striven to bring the appropriations as low as possible, and it has, therefore, required watchful work to secure a prospect of the above liberal outline Hermann thinks the senate will add at least $10,000 for the Cascades and the mouth of the Columbia $10 000 for Yaquina $5000 for Coos bay and possibly smaller additions to the others

Answering complaints, it may be said that Hermann introduced at the first of the session bills for improving the Oregon rivers and harbors, but through inadvertency the fact was not telegraphed

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

THE MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec 24 In his annual report Surgeon Hamilton, of the marine hospital service, makes the following statement in regard to the quarantine service No epidemic disease has been imported to the United States during the past year While the report was passing through the press fever of a suspicious character was reported at Biloxi, Miss. The government, however, was not called upon to extend any aid, and the matter remained under the management of the local authorities. Cholera had been threatened from Europe. This disease, which last year extended from Marseilles and Toulon to Sicily and various towns on the west shores of Italy, has extended to the eastern shore, to Fiume and Trieste at the head of the Adriatic, and several towns in Austria, and has appeared on the Danube at Buda Pesth at the time of sending this report to the press In each of the districts named the disease has exhibited its usual virulence At Trieste, during the month of August, there were 2[illegible]0 cases and 1[illegible]8 deaths. As usual the disease haunts the houses of those too poor or too negligent to pay regard to cleanliness of person and surroundings A map showing the progress of the disease in Europe is subjoined

SILVER CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON Dec 24 —The treasury department began issuing $1 silver certificates on the 4th of last October, and the issue to date amounts to $6,300,000 Two dollar silver certificates were first issued on the 6th of December and the total issue thus far amounts to $1,040,000. The supply is not equal to the demand, and the certificates are not yet distributed from the sub-treasuries They are distributed from the treasury department to localities in all parts of the country in sums not exceeding $5000 but this can be done only of course, as the certificates are ready In other words the treasury department is placing $1 and $2 certificates in general circulation as rapidly as possible When the general demand is to some extent appeased these certificates will be distributed to the different sub treasuries for issue as required

LITTLE FOLKS' CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec 24 —Seventy or eighty little boys and girls, mostly children of people in official life were entertained at a Christmas eve party to-night by Secretary and Mrs Whitney A huge pine Christmas tree gayly decorated was set up in the ball room and around it the children danced for an hour or two Great bundles of presents, piled on benches around the tree, were distributed among the children Among the older folks present were Mrs. Endicott and Mrs Vilas, and a large number of senators and diplomats with their wives Mrs Cleveland and Mrs Folsom, with little Miss May Cadman, were expected, but did not come The Christmas tree, with all its decorations, will be left standing for the delight of the orphan children whom Secretary and Mrs Whitney will entertain to morrow

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec 24 —The chief of the bureau of statistics, in his fifth monthly statement for the current fiscal year, of the imports and exports of the United States, reports that the total values of exports of merchandise from the United States during the 5, 11 and 12 months ended Nov 30, 1886 Five months, $287 610,240 as compared with 1885 $300,305 951 eleven months ended Nov 30, $613 476,082 in 1885 $627,[illegible]6 625 twelve months ended Nov 30, 1886, $705,520,237 in 1885, $705,140,541

The imports were as follows Five months ended Nov 30, 1886, $[illegible] 540,[illegible]03 1885, $[illegible]18 517 507 eleven months ended Nov 30, 1886 $[illegible] 661,153 in 1885, $607,107,117 twelve months, 1886, $[illegible]57 828 149 in 1885, $650, 186 [illegible]

CELLULOID MANUFACTURE

WASHINGTON, Dec 24 —The commissioner of patents to day rendered a decision in the important case of the celluloid manufacturing company of Adams, Mass, which is said to involve millions of dollars The latter company obtained letters patent for the manufacture of artificial ivory and had engaged extensively in the work when the Newark company set up a claim for the invention and immediately a litigation ensued for the ownership to the invention This began in February, 1881, and was concluded to-day by the decision of Commissioner of Patents Montgomery, who holds that the Newark company had no right to the invention, and directs the rejection of their application

PUTTING THE MARINES TO WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 —It is stated at the navy department that the recent order of the secretary of the navy directing commandants of the navy to substitute marines in place of watchmen and ship keepers, where it can be done to advantage, will result in a saving to the government of between $55,000 and $60,000 per annum, and the government property and vessels at various yards and stations will be equally well protected If the present condition of the marine corps would allow the substitution of marines for all watchmen and ship keepers, an additional saving of over $[illegible]5,000 would have been effected

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS

FAILURE OF A BOSTON MERCHANT

BOSTON Dec 24 The *Advertiser* will say to morrow that Pliny Nickerson made an assignment this afternoon to Thomas H Russell, of the law firm of C N and T H Russell, [illegible] State street His liabilities are about $[illegible]00,000, with nominal assets of $250,000. Nickerson is an extensive ship owner and has been doing business nearly half a century and was rated among Boston's foremost merchants Consequently his assignment was a surprise to his friends generally Some of them, however, have known for some time that he was somewhat embarrassed, and urged him to make a statement of his needs to allow them to help him through This he has refused to do preferring to bear his own losses and involve none of his friends His manager states that his failure has resulted from a gradual depreciation of property in which he is interested Expressions of sympathy for Nickerson are heard on all sides

THE BRAKEMEN'S STRIKE

LOUISVILLE Dec 24 —The strike of brakemen on the Louisville & Nashville railroad remains *in statu quo*. The trains made up for the south Wednesday still stand in the yards, with a few made up since then The road issued an ultimatum to the strikers last night requiring them to report for duty by 1 o'clock to-day or consider themselves discharged and call for their time This the strikers ignored The road officials will endeavor to hire new men but thus far they have not been able to start a train No trouble has occurred General Manager Harahan says he certainly will not discharge Superintendent Downs as demanded by the men nor will he reinstate the two discharged brakemen The switch and yard men sympathize with the brakemen and to-night discussed the advisability of going out, but without result. Both sides are firm

EFFECT OF CHURCHILL'S RESIGNATION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec 24 —There is much talk in financial and commercial circles about the squally aspect of things in Europe in connection with the unlooked for resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill. The drift of talk is that there must be something more serious back of the proceeding than has yet been made public There is a disposition to believe that the British government is beginning to be really alarmed at the general arming of continental nations, and it is determined upon such increase of the navy and army as will place the country in a better position for what may happen This is mere conjecture, but the effect is to inspire caution on the part of houses having large mercantile or European business connections

BAY VIEW RIOT

MILWAUKEE, Wis Dec 24 —The trial of the rioters has been adjourned until Monday Mayor Walker was on the stand this morning, and testified in regard to the proclamations which he issued May 4 and 5 Judge Sloan, when he adjourned court told the attorneys for the defense that he would only allow them to call six witnesses to prove that there was no riot at Bay View The lawyers attempted to discuss matters, but Judge Sloan stated he considered six witnesses enough So far as he was concerned he said a thousand witnesses could not make him believe that there was no riot at Bay View He added incidentally that he deemed the firing of the military perfectly justifiable.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO POWDERLY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 —The *Tocsin*, the organ of the workingmen of this city in its issue of to morrow, will say editorially "From the number of secret circulars published by the head of the whole order it is to be inferred that the distinguished gentleman is trying to make it appear at least that he is earning his princely salary of $5,000 a year Many a poor Knight of Labor, if not on the verge of starvation, is certainly not earning more than enough to keep body and soul together during this Christmas season, while the heads of the order are reveling in all the luxuries their princely salaries afford The officials certainly have bettered their condition Life on the assessments

SETTLED BY ARBITRATION

PITTSBURG Dec 24 —The great strike of 1[illegible],000 coke workers of the Connellsville region, which was to have been inaugurated to-morrow, has been averted, and work will be continued throughout the winter without interruption. A conference of operators and workmen was held to day, and after a lengthy session a compromise was effected By it the wages of workmen will be slightly advanced, and when the price of coke is increased their wages will be advanced proportionately The workmen promise to abide by the agreement, and will hereafter discourage petty strikes such as annoyed the operators for several months.

A STRIKE RENEWED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 24 —The engineers, firemen train hands and coal heavers employed by the Reading company at the coal wharves at Port Richmond, who have been dissatisfied over the recent rules of the company, and who returned to work yesterday again struck this morning, and trains were reported as badly blocked between the falls of Schuylkill and Port Richmond Nine schooners are lying in the docks waiting to receive their cargoes of coal, and from present indications they will not be loaded for some time

CAR WORKS BURNED

HARRISBURG, Pa, Dec. 24 —The car works of Scha & King, at Middletown, were wholly destroyed by fire this morning, causing a loss of $[illegible] 000 Six substantial brick buildings, including carpenter and construction machine pattern and blacksmith shops and a planing mill were destroyed The foundry offices and sheds were saved Insurance $40 000

CRIMINAL CALENDAR

A CHILD FLOGGED TO DEATH

DES MOINES Ia, Dec 24 There is great excitement in Montezuma, Poweshiek county, over the discovery of a brutal murder committed by two colored people, A J Brown and Chloe Robinson, about four miles from that place The victim was a little boy 6 years old, a grandson of Brown who had been staying with them Wednesday night the boy died, and the old man reported in town that he died from an unknown cause But the suspicion of the neighbors was aroused and they investigated and found that he had been flogged to death A coroner's jury was summoned and it has taken a large amount of testimony, showing that the child had been treated with inhuman cruelties by both of the guilty persons The testimony showed that on the night he died the woman had him suspended by the heels and beat him with a rope for thirty minutes and subsequently the man Brown suspended him in a like manner and wore out half a dozen switches in beating him, and then washed his wounds with salt and water The child's offenses were trivial in each instance The man and woman were arrested and lodged in jail at Montezuma Public indignation runs high and talk of lynching is freely heard

CHRISTMAS BONBONS

A green Christmas makes a fat bank account for the merchantman —Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph

The Christmas feast beyond all question
Would test an ostrich's digestion
—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette

Buy wooden toys for your children When they are broken next week they won't be entirely useless They can at least be used for firewood —Philadelphia Herald

Christmas comes but once a year, and it is very lucky for the man with a large family that he has fifty two weeks to catch up before the next one arrives —Philadelphia Herald

Young men who have pawned their overcoats to make a raise for Christmas will take notice that the new Eastern weather prophet declares that "it will be a very cold January —Chicago Inter Ocean

Now Christmas comes with much good cheer
With some 'twill be a day of beer
Next day with heads both dull and sore
They'll swear that Christmas was a bore.
—Goodall's Sun

The laziest boy on record is one who wouldn't hang up his stocking on Christmas. His mother had to hang it up for him and make the presents also. She will always have that boy to support —Goodall's Sun

The frugal plumber does not ask for much Put into his gossamer sock predictions of gas explosions and promises of burst water pipes and he will eat his simple ambrosia from plain golden plates in contentment —Pittsburg Commercial Gazette

Girls if you want to discover your future husband, place the wish bone of the turkey above the door If you have no turkey an old buckle will do just as well Grab the first man who enters and jump heavily on his toes If he swears you haven't hold of the right man —Philadelphia Herald

Subscriber (to country editor)—I shall have to ask you to stop my paper for the present, Mr [illegible]

Country Editor—What's the matter now

Subscriber—Can't afford to take it Too many Christmas advertisements My wife reads 'em at breakfast, and devotes the rest of the day to spending money Cut it off for the present.—Rochester Examiner

The Make Shift Cuss Words of Celebrities.

Burdette in the Brooklyn Eagle

"For pity's sake! is Henry George's only swear word Prof Proctor always says 'My stars' 'Egad! is Henry Bergh's word and Gen Hazen like most of the signal service men swears 'By thunder' 'Saints protect us' is Mr Randall's exclamation, while the Chicago anarchists all say [illegible] Ex Minister Cox says [illegible] Many eminent mugwumps say only 'Goodness me' Henry Watterson, however, swears nothing but plain English, with no frills or mugwumpery about it.

The Villains Unmasked

Philadelphia Press

Miss Rose Cleveland's "yeasty quacks' are doubtless the villains who fomented the original "goulish glee' so vividly described to the Harvard assemblage by Miss Cleveland's big brother

Dr. Lyon's Perfect Tooth Powder,
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FOREIGN DISPATCHES

Lord Hartington Not Yet Offered a Cabinet Position.

CHURCHILL'S ACTION NOT LIKED

Conservative Papers Declare their Opposition to a Coalition—Parliament to be Further Prorogued Steamship Disaster.

LONDON Dec 24 —In consequence of Lord Salisbury's request Lord Hartington will remain in Rome until Sunday to await letters from Lord Salisbury Lord Hartington has not received an invitation yet to enter the cabinet. It is improbable that an invitation would be sent by telegraph, as he has no cipher that would enable him to translate a government dispatch He will not come to a decision until he has received Lord Salisbury's letters Lord Hartington thinks virtually there has been no change in the situation since last autumn He reserves his opinion as to the political future The opinion grows that Lord Hartington will not enter the cabinet It has been virtually decided to further prorogue parliament until the second week in February

Lord Randolph Churchill alone insisted upon an early meeting A cabinet council has been summoned for next week. Lord Randolph Churchill is irritated as well as astounded at the unanimity of the denunciation of his course by the conservatives.

REASONS NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

LONDON, Dec. 24 —The supporters of Lord Randolph Churchill declare that when he is able to tell the true reason for his resignation, the disclosure will cause a sensation throughout the country and result in his triumphant vindication They say it will be shown that he did not oppose the grant for the necessary defense of the empire, but that he refused to sanction an increase of estimates unless it was accompanied by a reform in the administration of the war and admiralty departments Lord Randolph discovered while in office say his friends that the government had no control over the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds which are yearly voted for the war office for material that has never been provided, and that similar abuses exist in the admiralty department.

PARLIAMENT TO BE FURTHER PROROGUED

LONDON, Dec. 24 —It is expected parliament will be prorogued until the 3d of February in order to allow the formation of a new ministry

Matthews, home secretary, whose resignation was thought probable, says he is in perfect harmony with the cabinet No member of the government, within or without the cabinet, avows adherence to Churchill Conservatives are taking courage Many members of conservative clubs are opposed to a coalition ministry under Lord Hartington, and want a purely tory cabinet The *St James Gazette*, reflecting upon this spirit, doubts the wisdom of making any appeal to Lord Hartington and urges conservatives to "close up their ranks, throw overboard all domestic legislation for awhile and go straight on with their foreign policy "It will be fitting,' says the *Gazette*, 'for England to act with vigor and promptitude in the suppression of crime in Ireland and leave the results to fortune "

MORE PRESS COMMENT

LONDON, Dec 24 The *Times* says Lord Randolph Churchill's resignation will do more for economic reform in one year than his administration would have been able to do in a dozen years.

The *Daily News*, referring to Lord Salisbury's overtures to Lord Hartington, says "By this act of miserable weakness and miscalled patriotism Lord Salisbury acknowledges that the conservatives are absolutely dependent upon the will and pleasure of Churchill It is a strange act that many conservatives are puzzled over, and they are indignant at the feebleness of their leaders, which must surely damage the reputation of modern conservatism

THE ESTIMATES NOT EXTRAORDINARY

LONDON, Dec. 24 —The *Times*, commenting on the reported reason for Lord Randolph Churchill's resignation, viz that he was opposed to the military and naval estimates, says the estimates are not extraordinary, and only provide for a moderate strengthening of the naval and military condition of the empire, rendered necessary by the outlook of foreign affairs

BIG FIRE AT LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Dec 24—The largest and most disastrous fire in Liverpool since 18[illegible] occurred this morning, when the extensive retail stores of John Lewis & Co, on the Brunswick road, were entirely destroyed The stores contained an immense Christmas stock, all of which was consumed as was also an attractive menagerie connected with the establishment. The total loss is placed at $2 000,000

When the firemen had secured such control of the flames as to be able to confine them to the burning premises, it was noticed that a large polar bear in the menagerie was still alive and comparatively unhurt, though surrounded by the flames A determined effort was at once made to rescue the fine brute A powerful stream of water was kept in full play on the cage, and a number of daring men made their way under the current to the cage This they wrenched from its fastenings, and grappling it with chains and bars, managed, the bear desperately flying at them all the while to drag it and its occupant from the fire just before the walls of the burning buildings fell in with a crash

LORD COLIN WANTS ANOTHER TRIAL

LONDON, Dec. 24 Lord Colin Campbell's solicitors have applied for a new trial of his counter suit for divorce against his wife, on the ground that the verdict of the jury was against the weight of evidence

NEGOTIATIONS TO BE STOPPED

LONDON, Dec. 24 —The *Daily Telegraph* says that General Willoughby Malagassy agent in Europe, has been instructed to stop the negotiations in Paris of a loan for the Hova government

NEW BOOK BY HERBERT SPENCER

LONDON, Dec 24 —Mr Herbert Spencer, who has been restored to good health, will publish in January "Factors of Organic Evolution," enlarged from articles already printed.

GOLD SHIPMENT FROM LONDON

LONDON, Dec 24 —The steamer Saale, which sailed from Southampton this morning for New York has on board £320 000 in gold

SPAIN

TERRIBLE DISASTER AT SEA

LISBON, Dec 24 —The British ironclad Sultan ran into and sunk the French steamer Ville de Victoria while the latter was lying at anchor in the Tagus. The Victoria had 250 persons on board, and several of them were drowned The Sultan is an iron steamship, armor plated, and is of [illegible]00 tons burden

Later intelligence shows that most of the crew and passengers of the Victoria were drowned

It is also learned that both vessels were at anchor at the time of the collision. The Sultan dragged her anchors and drifted against the French ship

The Sultan's captain admits that the collision was due to the Sultan's breaking her moorings. After the Sultan's collision with the Ville de Victoria, she collided with and damaged the steamer Richmond. The Ville de Victoria's crew and passengers numbered sixty-three, of whom forty were drowned An English lady who was saved lost a bag containing 6000 sovereigns which she had suspended around her neck previous to the collision The Minotaur also dragged her anchor and ran into and damaged the Monarch

IRELAND

A SUIT FOR LIBEL

DUBLIN, Dec. 24 —Over a dozen league meetings were held in Ireland to-day Mr O'Brien has begun an action for £5000 against the Dublin *Express* for libel in having accused him of being a swindler and an "invincible."

THE BULGARIAN QUESTION

THE RUSSIAN RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the Russian reserves have been called out. Marked movements of troops have been noticed in Bessarabia

BOHEMIA.

THE GERMANS RESIGN

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The German members of the Bohemian local government board have resigned in consequence of the recent action of the Bohemian diet on the motion to divide Bohemia into two parts, Czech and German, according to the language of the inhabitants.

FRANCE.

ENROLLING YOUTH AS MILITIA.

PARIS, Dec. 24 —There is a noticeable movement to form battalions of schools. A number of mayors of arrondissements have begun enrolling youths from 16 to 20 years of age, forming companies equivalent to a regular militia. They are served with chassepots. One corps already has 500 members. They take their rifles home with them instead of depositing them in the arsenal after drilling

THE FRENCH PRESS WARNED

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French press has been warned against publishing military news which would be of use abroad.

NO INTENTIONS OF WAR.

PARIS, Dec. 24 —*Le Temps* and *La Liberte* deny that either France or Germany has any intention to go to war

HOLLAND

THE SOCIALISTS' SENTENCE

AMSTERDAM Dec. 24 —The court of appeals has affirmed the sentence of the socialists, Fortayn and Vanderstat, to six months imprisonment.

PACIFIC COAST.

CALIFORNIA

ALL ROADS READY FOR A RATE WAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 —No obstacle has been placed in the way of passenger rate-cutting since Wednesday night, when the local agreement to preserve rates terminated. All the agents profess to think there is no cutting, but all expect there will be To-day a very lively suspicion existed that special rates had been made by the Atlantic & Pacific, as that road seemed to be securing more business. Any suggestion of rate-cutting was met with the statement that rates were held up by that line. It is understood that it is possible to get a reduction of $8 from the regular schedule rate. The Chicago & Alton and the Rock Island roads, having given notice of their withdrawal from the Southwestern pool after January 1, that organization can hardly be expected to hold together The withdrawing lines are foot loose for a fight if it comes. As it now appears, the Transcontinental, Iowa and Trunk lines are all ready for a rate war and all are untrammeled. War is expected on all hands, and there is a doubt if it has not already quietly begun.

A FRUITLESS TRIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Alaska Commercial company's steamer Dora arrived yesterday, ten days from Kodiak, Alaska. She left here on the 27th ult., having on board the United States officers who intended to arrest, if possible, and bring down the murderer of Mr. McIntyre, the government agent who was shot dead while seated at dinner, and whose body was brought down on the steamer on her preceding trip From an officer of the Dora it was learned that the trip was fruitless, as the assassin had made good his escape.

DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN PHYSICIAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—An old resident and well known physician and surgeon, Dr John Scott died from heart disease this morning at the age of 63 at his residence on Sutter street. Deceased was the founder of the California Woman's Hospital of this city, and a man of high standing in his profession, Dr Scott was a member of the board of directors of the California society for the suppression of vice and was mainly instrumental in forming the organization of the society

CAPT WARREN SURRENDERS HIMSELF

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Capt. Warren, of the whaler Atlantic, wrecked last Friday, surrendered himself to the police authorities to-day when informed that he had been charged with manslaughter by the coroner's jury He furnished bonds in the sum of $5,000 The preliminary examination of Capt. Warren, and of W H. Wing, one of the Atlantic's owners, who is also charged with manslaughter, will be held Monday

BURGLARS MAKE A RICH HAUL.

DOWNEY CITY, Cal, Dec. 24 —The general merchandise store and saloon of J A. Mitrovick was burglarized last night. The safe was blown open, and about $500 in money, a gold watch, a quantity of jewelry and some valuable papers were taken The burglars then stole a handcar and left towards Los Angeles. The car has not been found The work was evidently done by experts

A MONSTER PROCESSION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The striking carmen have decided to hold a monster procession to morrow The lines on which the strikes are pending run cars in full force up to nightfall, after which time the cars are housed. Each car is still guarded by one policeman

FLOOD'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 —James C Flood has donated $6000 as a Christmas present to be distributed among the eight charities of this city

THE WRECK INVESTIGATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 —The taking of testimony concerning the wreck of the Atlantic was closed to day

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Arrived Bark Templar Seattle Sailed Schr Alice, Puget sound

STATE DISPATCHES

A TUG'S BOILER EXPLODES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A telegram received from Coos Bay states that the boiler of the tug Escort No 1, exploded while the craft was towing a lumber vessel out to sea on Wednesday One of the firemen was badly scalded, but no serious injury was done to the others on board the tug The Escort No 1 is owned by E. B. Dean, of this city, and has been in the Coos bay towage service for a number of years As a new boiler will have to be supplied in order to fit her for service again, the loss is about $10 000

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

CLOSE OF DISTRICT COURT AT COLFAX.

COLFAX, Dec. 24 — District court has adjourned the last case being local option. Judge Langford refused to dissolve the injunction restraining the county auditor from counting the votes for Colfax precinct, on account of technical irregularities Five prisoners were convicted and sentenced to the territorial penitentiary, and two to the United States prison, for terms ranging from one to five years

ARIZONA

A DEFAULTING COUNTY TREASURER.

PRESCOTT, Dec 24 —The fact has just leaked out that E J Cook, treasurer of Yavapai county, is a defaulter The exact amount of the defalcation is not stated, but it is said to be between $10 000 and $14,000 Suspicion of the fact was first aroused by the presence here of his bondsmen In conversation with one of the latter this morning it was ascertained that Cook had turned all his property over to his bondsmen, who it is thought will not suffer serious loss

Mugwump Disappointment.

Harper's Weekly

The only fair and practicable rule for office holders during their term of office is "the quiet and unobtrusive exercise of individual rights" This rule the president has abrogated by the reinstatement of Mr Benton, which is a reversal of the policy of reform, as is shown conclusively by the delight of republicans, who point to it as proof either of executive weakness or falsity, and by the shouts of democratic enemies of the administration, hailing what they declare to be the sign of a surrender to the "spoils bosses" of their party. The confidence of reformers is necessarily shaken, not in the president's convictions or purpose, but in his judgment. It is a step which is in every way unfortunate, for while it does not really conciliate his democratic enemies, it does undoubtedly disturb and chill his independent friends. The revelation of the character of Mr. Benton's speeches, which was unknown when the president reinstated him, makes the reinstatement, upon the president's own statements in the Stone letter, a serious mistake, and if the sole result of the July circular is to be the reinstatement of Mr. Benton and the removal of Mr. Stone for the reasons alleged, it will be undoubtedly a damaging blow at reform.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Joe Kitsap succeeds Tommy Lane as chief justice of the court of Indian offenses at the reservation.

The Puget Mill company own 30,000 acres of land in King county, and in the territory about 100,000 acres.

A serious adventure occurred to L. L. Lewis on Friday evening last, at the railroad crossing at the deep cut three miles south of Spangle. He was crossing in the darkness, and as a gravel train was backing, it came in collision with the wagon, two wheels of which it crushed. The driver escaped unhurt, but a span of mules that were before the wagon were dragged upon the track and killed instantly.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

The citizens of Roseburg want the government to erect a public building at that place worth $50,000. With a view of memorializing congress for that purpose, a public meeting was held in the court house last Saturday evening, and a fitting memorial drawn up.

SPOKANE FALLS.

A number of cases of scarlet fever are reported.

The opera "Mikado," that had been advertised for next Monday and Wednesday evenings, has been postponed until the first week in January, the exact dates not having as yet been decided upon. This change was made necessary on account of a disappointment in not securing the costumes.

LEWIS COUNTY

The Goff brothers of Chehalis went to Puyallup Wednesday for the purpose of procuring hop roots and looking over the hop ranches in the valley. They will clear a ten-acre tract in Lewis county, which they will plant in hops. Hop-growing in that county is a new industry, and this will be the largest hop yard there. They have been tried and found to do well in that section.

BAKER COUNTY

The special session of the state circuit court for Baker county, Judge L. B. Ison presiding, will convene the first Monday in January. The case of G. C. Israel, one of Baker's prominent attorneys, for the killing of E. D. Cohn, one of the best known citizens of the county, is set for trial the first day of the session. On account of the prominent standing of the parties in the unfortunate occurrence, the case will attract more than usual interest, and its every detail will be watched closely by the friends of both parties.

KLICKITAT COUNTY.

Goldendale *Sentinel*: On last Monday evening as the little four year old son of Mr George Saunders, who resides on the Alexander place, up the Klickitat, was playing around the stove, its apron became ignited, and in a second its whole body was enveloped in the flames. The child's mother, who was in the next room, heard the screams and hastened to it and by wrapping her skirts around it managed to extinguish the fire, but not until after being quite severely burned herself on the hands. Dr Bonebrake was sent for, who made the child as comfortable as possible. Its hands and face, principally the left side, were terribly burned, and he thinks it doubtful if it recovers.

SEATTLE.

Times: All of these burglaries may be accounted for on the hypothesis that George Venable Smith's co-operative colony is laying in a stock of provisions preparatory to moving to that mythical arcadia in which the colony has invested $15,000—in its mind's eye.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company have asked of Judge Hoyt a rehearing of the case between them and the postal telegraph company, on the allegation of a discovery of a new matter affecting the case. The 29th inst has been set by the judge for the hearing of arguments of counsel in the case.

Wednesday morning, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, an old man by the name of Steers, a farmer on Vashon island, was enticed from a saloon on Mill street to a point on Washington street, between Second and Third, by three men, where he was knocked down and robbed of some $25. He immediately reported to the police, and in less than an hour two of his assailants, answering to the names of Kelly and Bulger, were arrested, fully identified and Thursday afternoon, after a preliminary examination, were bound over to answer to the grand jury in the sum of $2,500 each.

Post Intelligencer: From Coroner Dawson it is learned that Johan Larson reports the drowning of a companion on Monday afternoon. Larson and a companion, Andrew Johnson, left here in a small sail boat on Monday morning for Seabeck. They had but one oar, which was used as a rudder. While two miles north of Edmunds's Landing a sudden lurch of the boat threw Johnson overboard. He was steering at the time, and carried the oar after him. Larson was left in the boat with no oar at all. He encouraged his friend to swim, but was unable to render other assistance. The unfortunate man sank out of sight. His body has not yet been recovered. Larson came here yesterday to notify the county authorities, as he says the affair occurred in this county. The deceased has a brother, John Johnson, living at Seabeck, Kitsap county.

A Seattle daily says: In Seattle and other parts of King county there is a large amount of tide lands which have been piled and staked out by different parties. The southern tide flats in Seattle are placed on the maps of our city in lots and blocks as this addition and that addition, but when one looks for the land he sees nothing but water at one-quarter tide. The same can be said of Tacoma. The rapid development of the Northwest makes tide lands valuable, as they can be filled in and made the place of rest for large mercantile and manufacturing establishments, as was done in San Francisco, the water front in that city being filled in for a depth of from four to eight blocks from what originally was tide water. The possession of the tide flats in Seattle and Tacoma is now agitating the public mind, and especially has this been the case since the prospect of Washington territory becoming a state is so hopeful. Overflowed and tide lands heretofore, it is supposed by the common herd, are reserved by the National government until the territory becomes a state, and then are given to the new state for school purposes. For some weeks six pile drivers have been at work fencing in the tide flats at the mouth of the Puyallup river at Tacoma, Pierce county, and also it seems they have crossed Commencement bay into King county.

OREGON

The situation at Coquille river is unchanged. All schooners that left 'Frisco within past month for this port are yet at sea, and probably far northward of here. The Lizzie Prien, Capt. P. Nelson still lies at Bandon wharf, waiting a chance to get out, but the bar continues rough.

YAMHILL COUNTY

The petition to the legislative assembly concerning the relocation of the county seat of Yamhill county, simply asks the privilege of submitting the question to the voters, not later than June, 1887.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Wm Sappington and Jem Long ran a foot race last Saturday, on Hallett's covered track at Dilley. The race was for $... a side. About $2000 changed hands on the result. Distance 100 yards. Long won by about one foot. Time, 10½ seconds.

COOS COUNTY

On Wednesday the body of a man was found on the beach three miles north of the Siuslaw. It was supposed to be the remains of Peter B[illegible], of whose disappearance mention was made two weeks since. Friends of the drowned man went for the body, but it had again washed out to sea.

JACKSON COUNTY

Circuit court convenes on January 10, 1887, at Jacksonville. Only two prisoners are in jail.

The stages both ways between Ashland and Strawberry valley, are crowded each trip, and extra stages are run occasionally to haul passengers and baggage.

KLAMATH COUNTY

Star: The grand jury returned an indictment against a man named Arthur Dunbar for a murder committed twenty two years ago at Black Jack. Dunbar has been absent from the state most of this time, and is now residing near Lawrence, Kansas. It is said that good evidence can be produced against him, and there is a probability that he will be found guilty at this late day of the crime committed in 1864.

SALEM

Eugene Englund, Henry Meyers and Chas Boothby, students at the Bishop Scott Grammar school, in Portland, are home to spend the holidays.

Talk: J. W. Cusick came down on the noon train and paid into the state treasury Linn county's taxes, amounting to $15,210. Old Linn is the first on the list to pay her state taxes.

There are still two more runaways from the Indian school. These are David Jesse and Meechen Fuller, who left two weeks ago Saturday night. They started up the road, and were heard from about two weeks ago at Albany. Any information leading to their recovery will be thankfully received by Col. Lee.

BENTON COUNTY.

F. M. Wadsworth, Indian agent at Siletz agency, is lying ill at that place, having been confined to his bed for the past five weeks with inflammatory rheumatism.

The Corvallis *Chronicle* says that two Portland drummers named James Friedman and Robert Donovan, who have been stopping at a hotel in that place, enticed a girl named Emma Hamer, a waiter in the hotel, to Portland. The young woman was finally induced to return home. Miss Hamer says Friedman, previous to her leaving Corvallis, had accomplished her ruin. She exonerates Donovan from any criminal intimacy with her, but declares him to have been an accessory both before and after the fact. She claims to have left this city of her own volition.

RAILROAD NOTES.

It is reported at Walla Walla that the relocation of the projected railroad between Riparia and the Colfax branch will be commenced next week.

Spokane *Chronicle*: E. H. Mix, an expert engineer in the employ of the O. R. & N., has just completed an estimate of the grading on the Wardner & Mission line. He arrived in Spokane last evening on his way to Portland. The estimate has not been made known, but it is thought that the contracting price will not pay for the construction.

News from the front is to the effect that by the latter part of this week the track will be laid to Sunday creek, seventeen miles from Eagle gorge. Nelson Bennett's contract extends to the seventy-mile post, three miles beyond Sunday creek and eight miles west of the tunnel. A good deal of rain has fallen in the mountains within the past few days, but not enough to materially delay the work of the contractors.

Walla Walla *Statesman*: From a party who has just come over from Pendleton we learn that it is doubtful if trains will be able to run through from here to that place before the middle or the last of February, as there are four high trestles yet to build and only forty bridge carpenters are at work. One of these trestles is 640 feet long, another 500, another 475 feet, and so on. All these are between the two ends of the track, in a distance of four or five miles. The grading is all done. He says it will be a slow road from Milton to Weston, as it is a continuation of sharp curves. The two highest trestles—one ninety-five feet—being on ten-degree curves. From Weston to Pendleton is on a light grade and is very straight, but then, after the road is finished there will be no trouble in going from Walla Walla to Pendleton in two hours and a half.

Spokane *Chronicle*: Gen A. P. Curry of the Spokane and Palouse railroad left the city Wednesday in the interests of that road. In a talk with the general he stated that his business on this trip was to look after the right of way for the extension of the line. He will go to Belmont and thence to Colfax, from which point he will go over the proposed road as far as Genesee, a distance of sixty miles. He had no doubt as to the result of the trip, as the people in that section are looking anxiously for the new road, and will do all in their power to help it along. Gen. Curry has the fullest confidence that the line will be pushed through at an early day, and hinted at still further extensions in the future. The new road will pass through a most beautiful and fertile country, which will become tributary to Spokane, and greatly increase the importance of the city's trade by the varied products of that section.

Spokane Falls *Review*: Communication has not as yet opened up on the Mission & Wardner railroad. Prospects are very slim for an early running of trains, and in fact the road is in a very deplorable condition. Much of the iron was laid during the first cold snap in November. At the time the embankment was frozen and looked to be solid and substantial. Later the chinook came on and warm rains fell incessantly for some time. The result was that in many places the embankment melted right down, leaving no foundation whatever for the ties and rails. The soil is a black loam, soft and yielding, and there is no gravel in the country for ballast. No other result could follow work done on frozen ground. Something will be done to put the road in running order, for it is too important a project to remain any length of time in its present condition, and the builder is not a man to remain idle awaiting for some one else to suggest a remedy. It was earnestly hoped before this time that trains would be running to Wardner. The road, such as it is, is ironed to Milo, but as it stands it is a useless piece of property. One engine is on the track between Pine Flat and Mud Prairie, and another between Kingston and the Mission, unable to move. Freighting is done by team and travel depends upon the cayuse.

IDAHO

The Idaho legislature is now fully organized and in working order, with James Mayhew as president of the council, and J. C. Fox speaker of the house.

Councilman Hughes has introduced a bill to provide for an immigration bureau for Idaho, and asks for $10,000 for such purpose for the next two years.

There is a very strong feeling among members of the legislature to repeal the law passed the last session of the legislature creating the office of attorney general. It is claimed that the United States district attorney can perform all the duties required of the attorney general.

Boise *Statesman*: Assistant United States District Attorney Fremont Wood received a dispatch from Blackfoot yesterday stating that the three Cassia county stage robbers broke jail the night previous. Two of them, Lovett and Johnston have been recaptured, the latter mortally wounded.

Mr C. A. Hand, of Chicago, was in Boise city last week making arrangements for the filing on land near Caldwell by the Nebraska German colony, comprising about ninety families. Ten of the colonists made filings on land aggregating 1800 acres, tributary to the I. & O. I. Co.'s irrigating canal, and the remainder of the colony are expected to arrive within the next two months.

Lewiston dispatch of the 18th: Timber Inspector Hailey has been here attending court for several days. A big grist of indictments have been returned against alleged timber trespassers in this territory. Fifteen indictments have been returned, eleven against the officers and agents of the Montana Improvement company and its contractors. One Warren Colt was indicted, it is alleged, because he turned logs cut from the public domain into lake Coeur d'Alene and allowed the same to drift down to the boom to evade the vigilance of the agents of the department.

That the editor of the Grangeville *Free Press* is in sad need of sympathy let this attest: Running a paper in an isolated community like this is hard lines on an editor. We are practically bottled up for the winter, the mountains are blockaded, and everybody and everything are snugged up for the season, nobody seems to think it worth while to be born or to get married, and the climate is too dreadfully healthy to afford obituary items, hence there is nothing and nobody of local interest to write about or fight with. To aggravate the situation the election is just over, annexation is dead beyond resurrection, and there are no questions before the legislature out of which a controversy can be manufactured. The resources of the county are a standard [illegible], but dearly beloved, it takes the [illegible] of the green grass and bright sun[illegible] of the radiant summer season to get up a gilt edged, hem stitched and highly varnished description of Camas prairie, and the topic isn't [illegible] in these [illegible] days of gloomy skies [illegible]. Even the priceless privileges dear to the editorial heart—of exchanging compliments and cocktails with the rival editor is denied us. As a newspaper field in the winter season, Idaho county is a monumental and mortifying disappointment, and as a [illegible] progressive newspaper man cannot exist with[out] having a fight on his hands we are confronted with the dreadful alternative of having to give up the ghost or of entering the married state where a fellow is liable to have his hair raising propensities indulged to the full.

MONTANA.

A man named Thos Longley dropped dead Friday in the timber near Elkhorn. His remains were conveyed to the settlement where an inquest was held.

A convict named Flynn one day last week surreptitiously put concentrated lye in a batch of head cheese that was being made up in the cook house of the penitentiary. Several felt the effects severely but are recovering.

K. Yamada of Japan, representing the imperial mining bureau of that empire, is visiting Butte in the interest of his government. He will visit the mineral centers of Colorado, New Mexico, Old Mexico and Central America, returning home a year hence.

Rev Father Ragaru returned to Helena Sunday night from attending the death bed of Michael Harley, at Townsend. Harley was severely injured in a runaway accident. He was leveling a field when his team took fright and he in some manner fell under the machine which passed over him, inflicting deep cuts on his head. He died from the effects of his injuries Sunday night.

The town of Anaconda is disturbed by incendiaries, several incendiary fires having been started within the past week, but were extinguished before great damage was wrought. The town is overrun by tramps, who are suspected of the deviltry. The citizens are thoroughly aroused and will deal summarily with the perpetrators if caught. The mischief is not the outgrowth of the recent labor troubles.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria *Colonist*: On Monday, as Charles McCorlich was riding his spirited colt along Cedar hill road, the animal suddenly shied at the spectacle of a demure-looking farm horse dragging a heavy cart. After shying the thoroughbred sprang into the air and actually alighted on the other horse's back—his forefeet hanging down on one side and his hindfeet on the other, while his belly rested on the cart-horse's back. To the credit of Mr McCorlich it must be recorded that he stuck to the horse's back during the flight, at the finish presenting the funny and novel sight of a man riding two horses that were going in opposite directions—a feat never accomplished by a nimble circus man. After considerable trouble the colt and rider were relieved from their ludicrous position unhurt.

MINING NOTES.

COEUR D'ALENE MINES.

Murray Record.

It is reported that the Moscow mica mine, near that place, has been sold to a company of New York and Chicago capitalists for $150,000.

A large amount of development work has been done this year on six of the thirteen claims belonging to the Idaho group. For some time past eight men have been engaged in doing the assessment work on the remaining seven. They have finished the necessary work on six of them and to-morrow all will be duly represented.

A *Record* reporter was shown yesterday by Clarence Cunningham what is doubtless one of the finest gold quartz specimens of its size ever found in the Northwest. It is a beautiful piece of ragged, white quartz, hardly a cubic inch in size, and glittering with seams of gold. It is said to contain $6 worth of the yellow metal and it came from a rich lead near Murray.

Probably the most marvelously rich piece of gold quartz ever taken out in the Coeur d'Alene region, and it is doubtful indeed if it has been excelled in the West, is now on exhibition at the bank of Murray. It belongs to the Williamson brothers, and is a part of a large chunk blasted off the Treasure Box ledge. It is a rough piece a little more than four inches long, about two inches and a quarter wide and one inch and a quarter thick, perhaps twenty cubic inches, and it weighs twenty-seven and a quarter ounces. Mr Hussey says he will guarantee that it will melt into at least a twenty ounce bar. A ton of equally valuable quartz would be worth more than a quarter of a million dollars. The owners intended to have the chunk melted, together with ninety-seven ounces that they pounded out in a mortar and brought down to day, but Mr Hussey advanced them $300 on it and persuaded them to allow it to remain in the bank as a specimen.

PROTECTION FOR FISH.

PORTLAND, Dec. [illegible]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

I have read with no little interest "Pound Nets vs Gill Nets" and other communications affecting our fish and fisheries. "Pound Net" is upholding a weak argument when he jumps to the defense of the destructive pound net. The fact is, if we expect to keep any salmon in the Columbia river, Oregon and Washington should pass a joint law prohibiting the use of pound nets and fish wheels. The gill net, as now used, is bad enough. The destructiveness or depopulating ability of the pound net is well shown on the Hudson river, where it has made great inroads and is becoming a matter of complaint among the shad fishermen. To quote from the fish commissioner's report: "Mr Matthew Kennedy, one of the game protectors of the state, is a large shad fisherman. He employs from twenty to thirty men during the season. He fishes with seines on 'Hudson middle ground,' and the catch this season is the poorest in twenty years. * * * While here I accompanied Mr Kennedy on a steamer down to Rhinebeck and below, while he and his men removed and seized twelve pound nets which were set in the river contrary to law. The fishermen also complain that these were injuring their fishing, as no doubt they were, because they fished night and day, while the seines and gill nets were not in the water all the time."

I could quote many other game protectors and fishermen of the Hudson, wherein they claim the scarcity of shad in the upper river is due to the pound nets.

Now, "Pound Net" knows, or assumes to know, a good deal about fish. He says: "Mr Sutton talks as though there exists but one genus and species of salmon; perhaps he knows but one. Well, I can inform him that there are at least six distinct species, besides varieties of salmon in the Columbia river," etc., yet he does not name or classify them. He also says: "There are species that do feed in fresh water. For example, the steelhead." Now, to partly quote "Pound Net": He "talks as though there existed but one genus and species of salmon that take food in fresh water. Perhaps he knows but one. Well, I can inform him there are at least more than one species. For instance, the following, as, are called, "Chinook," "Blueback," "Silverside," (?) "Steelhead."

Now, if "Pound Net" can or will classify or name the salmon family, it would be of great benefit, for the fish of this state remain, as yet, unclassified, and that is one great weak spot in our fish law, to know whether a brook trout is a mountain trout or a mountain trout is a salmon trout, or a salmon trout is a young salmon, or a salmon is a Chinook, or a steelhead is a salmon. These are the sticklers in the present law as it stands now. Out of over twenty cases brought in Multnomah county before our late prosecuting attorney, he got not a single conviction. Yet they all had salmon or trout in their possession contrary to law. It is only to be hoped that the coming legislature will pass some well defined fish and game laws respecting the methods of taking the salmon of the Columbia river and its tributaries, as also the slaughtering of deer for their hides and hams, as now carried on in Southern and Eastern Oregon.

The state of New York has sixteen game protectors, eight fish commissioners, and some four or five hatching houses, besides numerous private ones, with their quota of help, trying to restock her depleted streams and forests with fish and game, and expended for the year 1885 $25,000, and for 1884 $27,000, and all-told has expended over $270,000 and has passed over 200 laws in the effort to perfect protection for her fish and game.

New York state was once well supplied with fish and game, as is Oregon now, but neglected to protect it, and is now reaping her whirlwind as Oregon will be in a very few years unless she raises her hand against wholesale destruction, and I might add, deceit, now carried on against the finest fish the world ever knew. Oregon is the only state that has no commissioner of fisheries. The next legislature should improve our present laws and give the state a fish and game commissioner whose business it shall be to see that the laws are upheld and enforced through out the state, and particularly along the Columbia river and its fisheries.

PROTECTION

VERSES BY A PORTLAND SCHOOL GIRL

Another year has passed away
Since last we hailed the joyous day
Which comes around but once a year
And when it comes it brings good cheer

You all well know 'tis Christmas day,
A time when girls and boys are gay
A time [illegible]
A time when merry sleigh bells ring

[illegible]
When Jack Frost [illegible] makes the snow
[illegible]
You [illegible] at the pattern of the frost

It is indeed a lovely sight
To see around the fire bright
Gathered the household [illegible]
While tales of Santa Claus are told

How around the [illegible] at dead of night
Creeps down the chimney a funny sprite,
He fills the stockings full of toys
But puts in whips for naughty boys

Then up the chimney he climbs [illegible]
[illegible] a gentle [illegible]
He swiftly to the neighbors rides
And down the chimney again he slides

Now if this tale you don't believe
Sit up yourself next Christmas eve,
All you're to do is [illegible] and wait,
(He may come early, he may come late

Till on the roof you hear a noise
Reindeer hoofs, sleigh full of toys
Saint Nick himself with haste unrivaled
Of all great travelers the most traveled

If by this time you're not asleep
At Santa Claus perhaps you'll peep
To all he Christmas full of cheer
And eighty-seven a glad new year

WELCOME TO SANTA CLAUS.

Christmas comes but once a year
With New Year [illegible] in the [illegible]

Old and young, married and single
A welcome give to old Kris Kringle

The little folks have very good cause
To welcome old man Santa Claus

False Aristocracy's Decay.

New York Times

For nearly a century past the British aristocracy have been gradually parting with their political power. There is no doubt that in that time they have been gradually parting with their energy, their public spirit and their sense of responsibility. Their social supremacy they still have, but even that has been very much affected in the last thirty years.

The closing of the saloons election day may subserve some good purpose, but it gives the democrats about a thousand persistent workers they would not have if they were attending to their traffic.—Boston Journal

GUNS, HORNS, TIN PANS.

How the Southern Mountaineers Celebrate Christmas.

"Old Man Bear" instead of Santa Claus—Queer Presents and Curious Customs—Hilarious Sports.

The observance of Christmas throughout the Christian world is so universal that a greater degree of interest is attached to the various modes of its celebration than appertains to any other period of national or religious commemoration. According to William Perry Brown, in the current number of the Brooklyn *Magazine*, throughout the mountain region of Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas there is no exception to the custom, though the manner of conforming to it—especially in the wilder and more secluded parts—is as unique as it is primitive and superstitious.

Usually the first visible symptom of the approach of Christmas is the hanging of huge bunches of mountain holly over house and "meeting house" doors a week or so before its arrival. Often the rough rock fireplace of the log cabin will be wreathed by the women with smaller branches, all bristling with prickly, bright green leaves and red berries.

On Christmas eve you are liable to be awakened by an unceremonious discharge of about all the firearms in the neighborhood. To further test your nerves, a clattering of pans, a blast of hunting horns, and a chorus of revived rebel yells will ensue, while the guns are being reloaded. It is then considered etiquette on your part to invite the "hull passel on 'em" into your cabin for a treat. Should you set out a jug of corn whisky, clear as water, fresh from some mountain still, and entirely innocent of any acquaintance with the "Revenoo's," you have clearly established your claim to be let alone by the "serrynaders" for the rest of that night. A refusal to treat will convert your premises into a pandemonium of howling fiends, until the lungs and ammunition of the party or your own resolution give out.

The leaders will often wrap themselves in deer and bearskins, with the staring heads of those animals nodding at you in lieu of their own. Sometimes a bull's head with spreading horns mingles with these wilder denizens of the woods. The more complete and hideous the disguise, the more impudent become the antics of the owner of it. Others will black their faces or wear rude, home made masks. They also wrap themselves in ragged quilts, or turn their garments inside out, always striving to be as grotesque and horrible as possible.

I have never heard of Christmas trees in these mountains, yet Santa Claus is often typified by paterfamilias and others as "Old Man Bear," who shambles in by the door, about midnight and deposits under the bed of each sleeper the gifts intended for the youngsters lying thereon. Then "Old Man Bear" executes a kind of war dance around the beds, growls menacingly and shambles out. Every mother's child is wide awake and expectant, yet the presents must be undisturbed upon the beds until morning. The tantalized condition of the juvenile mind for the rest of the night can be easily imagined.

Such presents, too, as parental inventiveness will evolve under a heartrendering scarcity of lucre! Nickel boxes of snuff, fantastic twists of home made tobacco, "hoarse cakes" curiously modeled, baby rattles, strings of glaring glass beads, blow guns of Indian reed, black stone Indian pipes, cheap and daring finery, made up mostly at home, and meascums of striped stick candy.

It is fashionable here to paper the hewed log walls of the house with old newspapers. The little "meetin' house" is not unfrequently thus adorned, so that one, when weary of the even much pulpit exhortation, can read old news on the walls without scandalizing other worshippers. Before Christmas old papers saved during the year are brought out and pasted up, and huge back logs of beach and oak cut for the Christmas fires.

On Christmas morning the men will go on deer or bear "drives" with dogs and hunting horns, returning fiercely hungry toward night to a big dinner over which the women have been toiling meanwhile. Whisky circulates freely, being carried about by the children in "smilin' gourds" to their elders, and as night approaches the mirth and uproar grow fast and furious. The women take their drams with each other, and lose their usual taciturnity in public in a shrill, falsetto volubility, that reaches its climax during the "dancin'," which fills out the night hours until near morning. Jigs, reels and "hoe downs" alternate in rapid succession, and the frequent trials of endurance and skill between the several couples always attract the greatest interest from the spectators ranged round the walls, or peering in at every door and window.

The hour of midnight is at last proclaimed, when the music ceases. The dancers range themselves in two parallel rows facing each other. Then amid a pronounced silence the lights are put out and the fire partially covered. The host will usually say to the assembled company:

"My friends, Krismus hev come, and hev done been and stayed with we 'uns all for jest four and twenty hours, and now he hev obleeged to go back whar he come from. How shall he git outen thish yer house? Hit won't do to say as that he clum up the chimbly."

The rest of the party will chant in a sort of doleful recitation:

In by the door he came
Let him get out by the same.

Somebody then opens the door, and the two rows of dancers bow silently, as though to a departing guest. The door is closed, the candles relighted and the dancing resumed.

Among the more religious many will assemble on Christmas eve at the meeting house, and as the hours roll on toward midnight pass the time in prayer, song and exhortation. The solemnity of the occasion increases as the time passes. Finally the people fall one by one upon their knees, and, as voice after voice ceases utterance, a silence ensues that grows impressive as the hands of the clock creep on toward 12. Upon the midnight stroke all rise and sing,

We was purty near wore out a waitin',
On thee, good Lord, on thee.
But now thou are come before our eyes
Gloree! Gloree!

with other homely hymns of a similar purport.

Many of the Christmas sports of the mountains are peculiar to this region. The old fashioned, yet cruel, amusement of "gander pullin'" is still practiced to some extent in the wild recesses of the "Great Smokus," and along the "Unaka" and "Bald" chain. There are two methods of practicing the sport. One is by suspending the fowl securely from an overhanging limb, with its pendent head and neck well greased. The participants ride on horseback at full speed, and, as they pass under the limb strive to pull or twist the unfortunate creature's head off. The other way is to bury the body of the bird in the ground, leaving the exposed head and neck free to be grasped by the passing horseman, who endeavors to pull the body out and bear it off as prize.

A fat steer will often be "put up" not to be shot at, but shot for. To see thirty or forty rawboned, dark faced mountaineers, clad in fuzzy homespun, dawdling about or leaning on their long, old fashioned rifles—some of which are family heirlooms, descending from father to son—carries one back to the memories of old frontier days, when the war whoop and scalping knife were blood curdling realities all through this rugged region.

GAMBLING MADE RESPECTABLE

PORTLAND, Dec. 21, 1886.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

At the risk of being charged with moral squeamishness, I wish to protest against the many forms of gambling, which are at the front this Christmas season—in the shape of prizes offered to beanguessers, purchasers of more than —— dollars worth of goods, real estate pools, etc. Turkey raffles and church fair devices, of the lottery and voting orders, are bad old stories, but these gift schemes seem spreading into a mania, taken up by some of the leading places of business, and swell the tendency—already too alarmingly evident—of the gambling and speculating spirit, which is the bane of America.

I am not sure but that many or all such schemes, fall within the statute against lotteries. In some states they are already inhibited by name. In view of the vast evils inflicted upon communities by stock manias, and giant swindles like the Louisiana lottery, ought not right-minded persons to discountenance every form of "enterprise" or "advertising" which deals in the element of chances? The worst effect is in the familiarity induced in the minds of the young. We shall only sap the evil when we learn ourselves and teach them that all lotteries are wrong—akin to theft—and that every one who buys a chance or accepts a "prize" is substantially conniving at theft—a kind of receiver of stolen goods. Yours,

T. L. ELIOT.

Why Prohibition Grows in the South.

Savannah (Ga.) News

The prohibition movement would never have gained the foothold in the South it has if it had not been for the necessity of putting whisky out of the reach of the negroes. The planters saw that their interests would suffer serious damage if something was not done to check whisky drinking among them. The effects of prohibition were so satisfactory, in more ways than one, in localities in which it was first tried, that it was adopted in others, and in that way has spread over a good portion of the South. It would not be surprising if prohibition were to get as firm a foothold in Alabama as it has in Georgia. It certainly will if it can be kept separate from politics.

EVERYDAY BILLS OF FARE

BY MARION HARLAND

BREAKFAST
Rye Porridge
Kidneys and Ham
Flannel Cakes
Toast Boiled Eggs
Coffee Tea Fruit

RYE PORRIDGE.—One cup of rye meal, three large cups of boiling water and one of hot milk, one teaspoonful of salt. When the salted water reaches the boil stir in the meal, cook one hour after the water in the outer vessel begins to bubble again, add the hot milk and simmer five minutes before turning out.

KIDNEYS AND HAM.—Split each kidney lengthwise and cleanse from fat and strings. Have as many slices of cold boiled ham, fat and lean together, as you have pieces of kidney, cutting them into pieces of the same breadth and length. String half kidneys and bits of ham alternately on slender skewers, a piece of ham at each end. When the skewers are full, broil over a clear fire for eight minutes, turning often, lay the skewers in a row on a hot dish, pepper, salt and baste with butter and send to table.

FLANNEL CAKES (without eggs).—One quart of milk, one cup of cornmeal and nearly three of flour, half cake of yeast, stirred in a half cup of warm water, one large cup of boiling water, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of molasses, bit of soda the size of a pea in the milk. Scald the meal with the boiling water, stir in the milk and strain through a colander, add flour and yeast and let it rise until morning, beat in salt and molasses, and when the batter is smooth and light, bake on a griddle. They are very nice.

LUNCHEON
Beef Scallop
Cheese Fingers
Fried Potatoes
Brown Bread and Butter
Doughnuts
Tea

BEEF SCALLOP.—Two cups of cold underdone roast beef, one cup of raw potatoes, cut into dice, two beaten eggs, mustard, pepper, salt and a teaspoonful of finely minced onion, one cupful of gravy or stock. Peel and cut the potatoes, lay them in cold water for half an hour, drain, cover them with boiling salted water and stew gently ten minutes, drain off the water, add the gravy and the beef chopped fine, cook slowly for ten minutes, turn into a bowl, beat in the eggs, the onion, salt, pepper and mustard, put into a greased bakedish, strew crumbs on top, bake covered half an hour, then brown.

CHEESE FINGERS.—This is a good way to use up scraps of pastry left over from baking pies. Cut them into strips as long as your middle finger and twice as wide, strew with dry, grated cheese, a little salt and just a pinch of cayenne, double them lengthwise, pinch the edges together along their length, sprinkle more cheese upon them and bake quickly, pile within a napkin on a hot dish and serve at once.

DOUGHNUTS.—Two cups of milk, one cup of sugar, one quart of flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful of salt, one half of a yeast cake, one full tablespoonful of butter, half teaspoonful mixed cinnamon and mace, bit of soda in the milk. Heat the milk and stir in the sugar and butter while it is cooling, sift the salt twice in the flour and dissolve the yeast cake in a little warm water. Mix all while the milk is blood warm and set the dough to rise till morning. Then work in the whipped eggs, knead the soft dough one minute and set for the second rising. It should be very light before you roll it out into a sheet and cut into shapes. After cutting let them rise and [illegible] an hour, and fry in plenty of hot lard. In frying doughnuts always put them into the kettle with the side down that was upper most on the dish from which you take them, they rise better thus. Fish out when done with a split spoon and put into a hot colander, sifting powdered sugar over them while warm.

DINNER
Turnip Soup
Deviled Oysters
Braised Beef
Spinach on Toast
Fried Parsnips
Mashed Potatoes
Cup Plum Pudding
Fruit Coffee

TURNIP SOUP (without meat).—Eight or ten large white turnips, half an onion, one stalk of celery, one pint of milk, one tablespoonful of minced parsley, one tablespoonful of flour rolled in three tablespoonfuls of butter, two quarts of water, bit of soda in milk, peel, slice and lay the turnips in cold water for an hour, drain and put into the soup kettle with onion, celery and parsley, add the cold water and cook tender, rub the soup through a colander, season and return to the fire, stir in the buttered flour, simmer five minutes, add the milk, and pour out.

DEVILED OYSTERS.—Wipe large "frying size" oysters dry and lay in a mixture made by allowing the juice of a lemon or two tablespoonsful of melted butter, a little salt and a pinch of cayenne. Turn the oysters over and over in this, then in fine crumbs, and broil on a wire broiler over a clear fire. Serve hot.

BRAISED BEEF.—Put a brisket of beef in a broad-bottomed pot and set it over the fire. At the end of ten minutes turn it, and again in ten minutes more. Repeat this once more for each side, then pour in two cups of boiling water, fit on a close top, and cook slowly one hour before turning the meat. After this cook an hour longer if the meat weighs seven or eight pounds—keeping the top on. Set the beef in the oven, sift flour over it, baste freely with the gravy, and brown for five or six minutes before dishing. Skim and season the gravy, thicken with browned flour and serve in a boat.

SPINACH ON TOAST.—Pick the leaves over carefully, rejecting the stems, wash and put into a saucepan, with a cup of water to a half peck of leaves. Cover and cook for twenty minutes, drain and chop as fine as possible, put back over the fire and beat in a tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of sugar, salt, pepper, a dash of nutmeg and the juice of half a lemon. Whip smooth and press hard into heated egg or custard cups to mold it. Have ready crustless rounds of toast, buttered well on a heated platter. Turn out a mold of spinach on each and put a slice of hard boiled egg on the top of the mold.

FRIED PARSNIPS.—Scrape and leave in cold water for an hour, then cook half an hour in hot, salted water, wipe, slice lengthwise, dip in melted butter, then in flour seasoned with salt and pepper, and fry in boiling dripping. Drain free of fat and dish.

CUP PLUM PUDDING.—Two cups of fine dry crumbs, one cup of flour, one cup of sugar, half cup of molasses, one cup of raisins stoned and chopped, and the same of currants, half cup of sliced citron, half cup of powdered suet, four eggs, one teaspoonful of mixed cinnamon and allspice, one even teaspoonful of soda, sifted twice with the flour. Beat the eggs light, add molasses, suet, crumbs, sugar, spice, fruit dredged with flour), mix well, turn into a buttered mold and boil five hours. Eat with both hard and liquid sauce.

Gen. Miles

Washington Special to N. Y. World

It looks as if the Apache campaign was to be fought over again in Washington. Secretary of War Endicott, in his annual report, censures Gen Miles for an alleged disobedience of orders. Gen Miles has protested against this injustice, and the matter has been taken in hand by the president for consideration. Gen Miles has asked to have the record against him corrected, asserting that he has obeyed orders literally, and that the records of the war department will bear him out. Secretary Endicott realizes that he has blundered in his report through misinformation from the army ring in the war department, but he does not care to correct the mistake. The only way in which the record can be corrected, if Mr. Endicott remains obstinate, will be by a court-martial, or by an investigation by the military committees of congress.

Gen. Miles was asked by a representative of the *World* to give his side of the case, as presented to the president and Mr Endicott, but he said it was not a matter that he could at present discuss with the public. The affair was in the hands of his superior officers. Notwithstanding Gen. Miles's reticence and the reserve at the war department, there is a great deal of talk about it in army circles. The officers in town are divided into two factions, one sympathizing with the army ring and the other with Gen. Miles.

Confidence Misplaced

Philadelphia Telegraph (Mug.)

The democrats never before had so grand an opportunity presented them to commend themselves to the good will of the country, but it is evident that their leaders cannot rise above personal considerations and lead their followers to success. Probably it is just as well. The country thought in 1884 it could safely intrust to them the control of the administration. They had railed against the republican party, and had made brave and generous promises of what they would do to foster national prosperity if given the chance. They were given it, and they have done nothing. The late elections showed that the general sentiment is drifting back to the conviction that the republican party must again be placed in control.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A PRIVATE SOLDIER. By Frank Wilkeson. New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

After so much has been written about the war, by the commanding officers, it is refreshing to find a book that tells how the private soldiers fought, lived and died. But this little book goes further. In clear-cut sentences it severely criticises many of the officers, and instead of describing war in the grandiloquent terms of the demagogue and the politician, it points in a masterly manner its hideousness and the shocking vices of armies. The author, a boyish patriot, enlisted in 1863, when the bounty system was in full force, receiving no bounty himself, and unfortunately found himself herded with 1000 ruffians who had no intention of fighting Lee's soldiers, if they could desert, as many of them had done repeatedly. His first fighting was in the Wilderness, and he gives an interesting description of a line of battle, as formed and maintained in that terrible encounter. Speaking of Grant's flanking movement after the Wilderness, Mr Wilkeson says: "Grant's military standing with the enlisted men this day hung on the direction we turned at the Chancellorsville house. If to the left [to recross the Rapidan] he was to be rated with Meade, and Hooker, and Burnside and Pope—the generals who preceded him. At the Chancellorsville house we turned to the right. Instantly all of us heaved a sigh of relief. Our spirits rose. We marched free. The men began to sing. The enlisted men understood the flanking movement." At Cold Harbor, the night before the battle, the whole army was depressed, having no hope of successfully obeying the command to assail the Confederate works. After the fatal repulse, says the author, another order to advance to the attack was given, presumably by Grant, but the whole army refused to obey what they considered a hopeless command. Mr Wilkeson, unjustly we think, draws an unfavorable comparison between the Union and Confederate officers, claiming that the latter, as a rule, were immeasurably the braver. The exceptional figures of losses that he quotes are not sustained by the records. The general opinion among the Army of the Potomac, the author remarks, was that Grant, given McClellan's army of 1862, before its *morale* was broken by defeat and lowered by the bounty and the draft, would have ended the war in a year. Asked how McClellan would have done with the army of 1864 under his command, veterans shrugged their shoulders and said, drily: "Well, he would have ended the war in the Wilderness—by establishing the Confederacy." Yet McClellan was personally liked by the entire army, although they knew he was not possessed of military talent.

RISPAH'S DAUGHTER, a drama. By Anna Catherine Green. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. For sale by J. K. Gill & Co.

Unfortunately, the author has attempted to follow the style of Shakespeare, thereby inviting comparison, which, of course is disadvantageous to her work. The production is not wanting in poetical expression, and is free from redundancy, but there is a sameness that soon wearies the reader. With slight exception, the characters express themselves in the same strain. Really the book has but one character, and that not a strong one. The author, in this instance, has misdirected her talent. Following are a few of the strongest passages.

Life is no plain, however vast or varied
But rising ground where every forward step
Shifts the horizon."
* * * "And fields
Where even the grass that blooms grows quiveringly
In pride of showing where a hero died."

"Events rush not so close upon our wish,
Else were we gods, and circumstance our vassal
The soldier steel that buckles to my side
Hath shook its music in your ears, and lo!
Your cry and 'Ben' in echo."

The maddest brook that trips it through the glen
Is here and there along its joyous course
Shy resting places for its tired foot

* * * Too often, madam
We scorn the cup pressed from like to our lips
Which if once tasted would be found to teem
With wine of heavenliest vintage.

THE WRONG PARADISE AND OTHER STORIES. By Andrew Lang. New York: Harper & Brothers. For Sale by J. K. Gill & Co.

In this little book are collected nine short stories published from time to time in the English magazines. The book is dedicated to Rider Haggard, author of "King Solomon's Mines," and the two writers, indeed, belong to the same school. Haggard might have written these sketches, and vice versa. Their principal attraction is found in unrestrained flights of a vigorous imagination, though they are not badly told and carry with them, in an entertaining way, considerable information and a vast amount of food for speculation.

THE HISTORY OF FRANCE, FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO 1848. By M. Guizot and Mme Guizot DeWitt. Translated by Robert Black. New York: John B. Alden, publisher, 8 vols., half-morocco. Price, $6.

The first volume of this valuable work has just been issued. It consists of 495 pages, on excellent paper and with good, clear type. The binding is neat and solid and there are forty illustrations. The work is certainly a wonder of cheapness. The second volume is to be issued January 1, and a volume each month thereafter until the set is complete. Mr Alden has done much for cheap and good literature, but he has done nothing better than re-publishing this fascinating and excellent historical work.

LITERARY NOTES.

Scribner's New Magazine was published simultaneously in Chicago, New York and London, Wednesday, the 15th inst.

D. Lothrop & Co. announce that, leading in the great literary movement towards lower prices and larger sales, they have made, without reducing quantity or quality, an extraordinary reduction in the price of *Wide Awake*, and will now receive subscriptions at the former wholesale price of only $2.40 a year.

The *Bookbuyer*, which is published monthly by Charles Scribner's Sons, gives an illustrated, bright and readable summary of American and foreign literature. Each number contains the portrait of a well known author, an entertaining English letter, the latest news about new books, illustrated reviews, extracts, etc.

"Mr. Browning has only to put the final touches to his new poem," says the *Academy*. "It is a new departure, quite different from anything he has written before. The poem is from 4000 to 5000 lines in length, and all in rhyme. It consists of a prolog and epilog—each a poem of some extent—and seven intermediate sets of verses."

The *Decorator and Furnisher* for the month of December contains a good local article on holiday gifts, brief reviews of Christmas books, the sixth installment of the series of articles on "Church Decoration" by J. Thornton Marquay, some practical hints on "Texts for Christmas Decoration in Churches," some suggestions concerning "Economy of Space," advice on "Fern Gardening and Decoration," and articles on "Household Linen," "Display or Decoration," "Decorative Infelicities," and "Sources of Decoration."

The sales of the *Century Magazine* have gone up over 5,000 copies in six weeks, since beginning the "Life of Lincoln." A second edition of December was issued on the 15th. A veteran New York publisher predicts that the permanent edition of the magazine will go beyond 300,000 before the completion of the Lincoln history. The January installment, which is said by the editors to be of most surpassing interest, occupies thirty pages of the magazine, and treats of Mr Lincoln's settlement in Springfield, his practice of law in that city, the Harrison campaign, Lincoln's marriage, his friendship with the Speed of Kentucky, the Shields duel, and the campaign of 1844. The illustrations are numerous, including portraits of Joshua Speed and wife, of Mrs Lucy G. Speed, Milton Hay, President Harrison, Gen. Shields, William H. Herndon (the law partner of Mr Lincoln), and Mr Lincoln himself, from the photograph presented by him to Mrs. Lucy G. Speed, in 1861. Pictures are given of the house where Lincoln was married, also the house where he lived after his marriage, etc., etc.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Little Miss Weezy," by Penn Shirley (Boston: Lee & Shepard), is a neatly bound and illustrated little book, made up of the pranks of a mischievous 3-year-old. It is bright and entertaining and will charm the big as well as the little folk.

Part 3 of John C. Freemont's Memoirs has been received from the publishers, Belford, Clarke & Co., Chicago and New York. It comprises some sixty pages, and its typography and illustrations are fully up to the high standard of the previous numbers. For sale by J. Dewing & Co., San Francisco.

"His One Fault," J. T. Trowbridge's excellent story for boys, which ran through *St. Nicholas*, has been issued in a handsome book by Lee & Shepard of Boston. Kit was a dutiful, industrious lad, whose "one fault" was forgetfulness. This brought him into many troubles, the worst of which was in causing his uncle's horse to be stolen by his failure to lock the stable door. Kit's search for the horse, with its attendant incidents, supplies the chief material for the volume, which is [illegible] ing and thoroughly good. [illegible] herped by reading [illegible] & Co.

REMARKS BY THE [illegible]

About once a month some [illegible] ure, with a brain suffering from [illegible] who doesn't know a wheel [illegible] berry marsh, arises and solemnly [illegible] boys to "stick to the farm." Now [illegible] one of these great American [illegible] between the handles of a [illegible] how I long to see him [illegible] span of meek-eyed mules [illegible] swear. I want to sit in a [illegible] watch the expression on his [illegible] makes his first turn, and [illegible] the mules' legs, and [illegible] full of holes, while the [illegible] down a large bolt under his [illegible] see him follow the plow, [illegible] wild flowers are in bloom, [illegible] of the dear old farm is sticking [illegible]

I long to see him follow [illegible] plowed field until the [illegible] into a blaze of splendor [illegible] And then, when the gold [illegible] and the purple slowly [illegible] gray tints of twilight, I [illegible] seven cows, feed the stock [illegible] breakfast. And finally, [illegible] over the old home threshold I [illegible] to read to him all that he has [illegible] sticking to the farm.

What balderdash! to try [illegible] of fresh blood and vigorous [illegible] the city from the farm. [illegible] our institutions; it is the [illegible] well might you tell the [illegible] to stay in their native [illegible] bition to be a great [illegible] deavor to make his mark [illegible] longs for the law, for [illegible] do not attempt to chain [illegible] distasteful.

Suppose that Washington [illegible] Clay, Greeley, Grant, Garfield [illegible] the men whose names [illegible] had been continually [illegible] to stick to the farm! [illegible] that the repeated warning [illegible] had failed in the towns [illegible]

True, it is far better [illegible] farmer than a clerk; [illegible] from the country and [illegible] the vocation that suits [illegible] would not amount to much [illegible]

This thing of giving [illegible] nonsense. It is just as foolish [illegible] country boy to stick to the [illegible] to tell him to go into the [illegible] must determine the paths [illegible] low, and the children's [illegible] nations should be considered. [illegible] must also judge as to the propriety [illegible] wishes.

I remember a case in point. [illegible] Watson, one of the solid men [illegible] had an only son, Frank, whom [illegible] lege and educated at great [illegible] Frank returned to his home [illegible] old gentleman was the proudest [illegible] father in the state. And further [illegible] good will toward his son, he gave [illegible] and ball that was attended by [illegible]

When the last guest had [illegible] gentleman, beaming with pride [illegible] called his son to his side, and [illegible]

"Well, Frank, I have put you [illegible] and it has cost me a good [illegible] gret the money, my boy, not a [illegible]

"I know that, father," [illegible]

"No, I don't regret the money [illegible] the indigent parent, "and I [illegible] stint you in completing your [illegible]

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"Well, pap, I want to drive stage."

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All to no purpose. Frank had [illegible] mind to drive stage, and refused [illegible] enced by his father's frowns [illegible] treaties and his sister's horrified [illegible]

The ties of blood kept the [illegible] ting into execution his threat [illegible] his boy, and he did the most [illegible] sible under the circumstances [illegible] stage line and permitted his son [illegible]

Frank handled the reins for [illegible] until the novelty of the thing [illegible] Then he managed the stage line [illegible] able ability, and made money [illegible] ness. Finally he sold out the line [illegible] company and built a little railroad [illegible] is president of a paying line, and [illegible] liking for horses by driving a [illegible] his family carriage. In all probability [illegible] been forced into law or medicine [illegible] have proved a failure.

THE FARMER LEADS A JOLLY [illegible]

The farmer leads a jolly life, he's [illegible]
He works some fifteen hours [illegible]
he can.
And if there is a mortgage on [illegible]
He has to work his family at a [illegible]

How sweet to greet the rising [illegible]
wild-birds sing.
At least in books we always [illegible]
proper thing.
Well, the farmer gets enough [illegible]
any one,
And there's such a thing as an [illegible]
morning sun.

'Most any sort o' man 'll do to [illegible]
It don't take much ability [illegible]
But the man with a farm [illegible]
get in debt,
Has got to be a hustler, from [illegible]

THE SOUTH AND THE [illegible]

Milwaukee [illegible]

The loud cry raised by the [illegible] to the present surplus [illegible] stimulate the Southern [illegible] for the repeal of the internal [illegible] spirits and tobacco. The [illegible] revenue, long continued, [illegible] and now that the free [illegible] these evils enough to [illegible] tion is raised as to the [illegible] revenues. It is apparent [illegible] duction of tariff rates can [illegible] the revenues to the degree [illegible] free traders. Such a [illegible] nearly every industry. [illegible] of too large a proportion [illegible] it to allow any such [illegible]

But the Southern [illegible] an effective remedy for [illegible] repeal of internal [illegible] the free traders cry out [illegible] louder the Southern [illegible] repeal of the taxes on [illegible] bacco. There has [illegible] pathy in the South [illegible] of these "articles of [illegible] tax is not needed by the [illegible] suffering from a surplus [illegible] internal taxes. In all the [illegible] times since the war the South [illegible] solid demand, and southern [illegible] subject of whisky taxation [illegible] ered, because the South was [illegible] democratic anyway. But [illegible] democrats are prepared [illegible] the next convention for [illegible] party to a repeal of the [illegible]

We may imagine that the [illegible] of the democratic party [illegible] outlook. They have [illegible] past year, limiting the [illegible] to appropriate money for [illegible] naval increase, all in order [illegible] an extraordinary surplus. [illegible] ern democrats are using [illegible] ment in favor of whisky [illegible] means a dependence on [illegible] sively for revenue. It [illegible] the free-traders.

Christmas [illegible]

Rockland Courier [illegible]

"Going to give your wife [illegible] a Christmas present, I [illegible] to Wigglesworth, as they [illegible] street together.

"Yes, in my mind," Wigg [illegible] torted.

"I suppose you would [illegible] mind, wouldn't you," [illegible]

But Wigglesworth was [illegible] boy's sled to make reply.

We are offering [illegible] goods, and invite [illegible] such goods as [illegible] disappointed [illegible]

See the new [illegible] office, on [illegible]

r the volume, which is dramatically intere g and thoroughly good. Every boy will erped by reading it. For sale by J. K. Gi Co.

REMARKS BY THE SAGE.

About once a month some irrepressible re, with a brain suffering from general debility who doesn't know a wheat field from a cr erry marsh, arises and solemnly advises boys to "stick to the farm." How I long to ne of these great American advisers buckled between the handles of a rusty plow. How I long to see hitched unto that plow the pan of meek-eyed mules that taught me to swear. I want to sit in a fence corner and watch the expression on his face when he makes his first turn, and the traces get behind the mules' legs, and they kick the starry sk full of holes, while the lines around his neck own a large boil under his left ear. I want to see him follow the plow, tra-la, when the sweet wild flowers are in bloom, and a liberal chunk of the dear old farm is sticking to each boot.

I long to see him follow a harrow over plowed field until the glorious orb of day sinks into a blaze of splendor in the crimson west. And then, when the gold is fading into purple and the purple slowly changes into the gray tints of twilight, I pine to see him milk seven cows, feed the stock and chop wood for breakfast. And finally, when he drags himself over the old home threshold I want somebody to read to him all that he has ever written about sticking to the farm.

What balderdash! to try to dam the current of fresh blood and vigorous brain that flows to the city from the farm. It is the life-blood of our institutions. It is the hope of the nation. A well might you tell the waters of the mountain to stay in their native rills. If a boy has an ambition to be a great agriculturist, let him endeavor to make his mark on the farm. But if he longs for the law, for trade, or for commerce do not attempt to chain him to a vocation that distasteful.

Suppose that Washington, Franklin, Webster Clay, Greeley, Grant, Garfield and nine-tenths of the men whose names are a part of our history had been continually besieged and commanded to stick to the farm, and imagine, if you can, that the repeated warnings against city had failed in the towns had kept them at home.

True, it is far better to be an independent farmer than a clerk but the boy who runs away from the country and fails to achieve success in the vocation that suits his inclination would not amount to much as a tiller of the soil.

This thing of giving broad-sweeping advice is nonsense. It is just as foolish to advise every country boy to stick to the farm as it would be to tell him to go into the city. Each family must determine the paths its members shall follow, and the children's natural tastes and inclinations should be considered. Still, the parents must also judge as to the propriety of his children's wishes.

I remember a case in point. Uncle Watson, one of the solid men of western Iowa, had an only son, Frank, whom he sent to college and educated at great expense. When Frank returned to his home, a graduate, the old gentleman was the proudest and happiest farmer in the state. And further, to show his good will toward his son, he gave a big party and that was attended by half the county.

When the last guest had departed, the old gentleman, beaming with pride and affection, called his son to his side, and said

"Well, Frank I have put you through college and it has cost me a good sum, but I don't begrudge the money, my boy not a cent of it."

"I know that, father," yawned Frank.

"No I don't regret the money," continued the indulgent parent, "and I ain't going to stint you in completing your education."

The son looked up in surprise. "Why, father I have graduated. How can you spend more money on my education?"

"You must have a profession" said the old Watson, somewhat sharply. Now make your own choice. What shall it be? The law, or medicine?"

"Why father I don't want either."

"Don't—want—either" exclaimed the astonished parent. "Then what in the devil do you want?"

"Well, pap, I want to drive stage."

The old gentleman nearly burst a blood vessel in his honest indignation. He paced the floor, he swore terrific oaths, he kicked a sleeping dog half across the room, he shook his fist at his unambitious scion, and finally threatened to disinherit him.

All to no purpose. Frank had made up his mind to drive stage, and refused to be frightened by his father's frowns, his mother's entreaties and his sister's horrified protests.

The ties of blood kept the old man from putting into execution his threat of disinheriting his boy, and he did the most sensible thing possible under the circumstances. He bought a stage line and permitted his son to have his way.

Frank handled the reins for a month or so until the novelty of the thing had disappeared. Then he managed the stage line with considerable ability, and made money out of the business. Finally he sold out the line, organized a company and built a little railroad. To-day he is president of a paying line, and gratifies his liking for horses by driving a span of trotters to his family carriage. In all probability, had he been forced into law or medicine, he would have proved a failure.

THE FARMER LEADS A JOLLY LIFE.

The farmer leads a jolly life he is a happy man.
He works some fifteen hours a day, and longer
he can
And if there is a mortgage on his "dear old place"
He has to work his family at a rather lively pace.

How sweet to greet the rising sun, to hear the
wild birds sing
At least in books we always read that that's the
proper thing
Will the farmer gets enough of that to suit
any one,
And there's such a thing as an overdose, even
morning sun.

Most any sort o' man 'll do to send to Washington
It don't take much ability our state affairs to run
But the man with a farm in Oregon who doesn't
get in debt
Has got to be a hustler from Hustlerville, you bet
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THE SOUTH AND THE SURPLUS.

Milwaukee Sentinel.

The loud cry raised by the free traders owing to the present surplus revenue has served to stimulate the Southern democrats into new zeal for the repeal of the internal revenue taxes on spirits and tobacco. The evils of an excessive revenue, long continued, are apparent enough and w that the free traders have dwelt on these evils enough to arouse attention, the question is as to the method of reducing the revenue. It is apparent that no sufficient [illegible] tariff rates can be made to cut [illegible] the degree insisted upon [illegible] Such a reduction would [illegible] Besides the [illegible] large proportion of the people [illegible] allow any such reduction

But the Southern democrats are prompt [illegible] effective remedy for a surplus revenue [illegible] repeal of internal revenue laws. The [illegible] the free traders cry out against the surplus [illegible] the Southern democrats demand [illegible] of the taxes on whisky and [illegible] There has never been any [illegible] the South for the [illegible] only in the "articles of necessity" and now [illegible] these articles needed by the government [illegible] is not needed for a surplus, they are impatient [illegible] from a surplus. In all the democratic [illegible] the war the South has presented [illegible] and southern sentiment on [illegible] whisky taxation has not been [illegible] was certain to be [illegible] But now the southern democrats [illegible] are prepared to make a demand [illegible] convention for a plank pledging [illegible] repeal of the internal taxes.

We [illegible] that the free-trade [illegible] argue that the [illegible] democratic party is not happy [illegible] They have nursed the revenue [illegible] the bond calls and [illegible] past [illegible] the [illegible] for coast defense [illegible] in order to be able to [illegible] naval [illegible] all in order [illegible] And now the [illegible] extraordinary surplus [illegible] democrats are using the surplus as an [illegible] whisky-tax repeal [illegible] men in favor of [illegible] customs duties [illegible] dependence on customs [illegible] revenue. It has been a bad year for the free traders.

Christmas Presents of Mind.

Rockland Courier-Gazette.

"I'm going to give your wife a sealskin cloak for a Christmas present, I suppose?" chirped [illegible] to Wigglesworth, as they toddled down the street together.

"Yes, in my mind," Wigglesworth [illegible]

"I suppose you would call that present [illegible] to ted

"I suppose you," Bolded conjectured [illegible]

But Wigglesworth was too busy falling [illegible] boy [illegible] to make reply

BEAUTIFUL GOODS.

We are offering special inducements in [illegible] goods and invite inspection. We advertise such goods as we keep, and the public will not be disappointed when they call for them.

W. M. WISDOM, the Druggist.

See the new style Drop Cabinet at the office 92 Morrison street.

CHRISTMAS GOOD CHEER.

Whence the Ingredients for the Great Dinner Come From

Things from All Parts of the World—The Housekeeper's Difficulty in Making Purchases.

New York Morning Journal

[illegible] dinner is a product of civilization, [illegible] many edibles that go to make its entirety [illegible] from almost every country in the [illegible] has taken several hundred years for [illegible] to discover that cranberries go nicely [illegible] but oysters from the depths of the [illegible] appropriate to put inside of the turkey [illegible] that the coffee bean makes a de-[illegible] after dinner, that milk curdled [illegible] and pressed into cheese helps one [illegible] but they have all been dis-[illegible] and we reap the benefit in eating a [illegible] of luscious goodies gathered from many [illegible]

[illegible] beef and ducks do not come from [illegible] distance? No. They are not im-[illegible] but imagine the growing of the beef [illegible] four years—beyond that he becomes [illegible] tough for a Christmas roast. Think [illegible] full of corn and hay he has con-[illegible] how many nibbles of grass and juicy [illegible] the orchard, how many carrots and [illegible] and other "soft feed" to make him into [illegible] animal. Then imagine the courage [illegible] to sell him, and of the butcher to [illegible] how he is cut up and shipped to [illegible] that you may get the very best ribs to [illegible] at 18 cents a pound.

[illegible] have ducks, too, you must think of [illegible] when they were nothing but eggs and [illegible] some fat old hen to hatch out and of [illegible] when they took their first swim and [illegible] cats that threatened their poor [illegible] lives, and of the big tough worms [illegible] obliged to swallow to sustain a [illegible] condition; all of the grass they nibbled [illegible] corn and stale bread they ate to [illegible] fat and plump, and of how they [illegible] in the mud puddles to become [illegible] Then of having their heads [illegible] all their bright, pretty feathers [illegible] to make them ready for the retail [illegible]

[illegible] cranberries, which are so palatable with [illegible] most of them, gathered in the [illegible] swamps, and are picked by little [illegible] as soon as the frost sets in. They [illegible] grow in a dry place, and that is the [illegible] New Jersey raises so many of them. [illegible] does the celery come from?" To be [illegible] would a Christmas dinner be without [illegible] celery in a pretty glass dish or bowl? [illegible] celery in your own back yard if [illegible] but you must not let it get frozen, [illegible] never taste good. You will have to be [illegible] hammer to raise nice, white, crisp [illegible] is the only kind you will tolerate on [illegible] table. The potatoes and the [illegible] of the tomatoes that go for side dishes, [illegible] has seen them growing in the [illegible] all about the country. The pota-[illegible] in the fall, but many farmers just [illegible] their turnips to send to market for [illegible]

[illegible] after dinner comes direct from [illegible] India, if it is very, very good, with [illegible] delicate of flavors and of a lovely [illegible]. If it is good it comes from the [illegible] of Java, in the Eastern Archipelago, [illegible] grade from Rio Janeiro, in Brazil, [illegible] Then, of course, the peanuts [illegible] all Virginia, the pecans from Texas, [illegible] England, the butternuts from New [illegible] the almonds from Spain and the bon-[illegible] candies from one's own pet candy [illegible]

[illegible] plum pudding, you have forgotten [illegible] one. No, indeed how could [illegible] the plum pudding? Do you remem-[illegible]

[illegible] England and the fruits of Spain
[illegible] together in a shower of rain

[illegible] nobody asked you when you were a [illegible] child. Well, the answer is plum [illegible] and the shower of rain is, of course [illegible] the pot of boiling water. But [illegible] get our flour from England, but from [illegible] bountiful and boundless West. [illegible] is the citron that was thought to [illegible] golden apple of Hesperides that the [illegible] and the great, beautiful raisins [illegible] and the currants, which are only [illegible] you know, from sunny Italy, and [illegible] perhaps from Florida, but more [illegible] and the plums from grand [illegible] and the good apple brandy from Ver-[illegible] there is the Croton water in which [illegible] is boiled, and the pudding bag of [illegible] linen, and the string from the [illegible]

[illegible] sauce takes up butter from the [illegible] county farms, fine sugar from the [illegible] of Louisiana, fine brandy from the [illegible] and there is the alcohol to pour over [illegible] and set on fire, so that it can go [illegible] in a blaze of glory. Brandy is a [illegible] German word, and means burnt wine [illegible] tell you where it is best made [illegible] is an Arabic word, and means "to [illegible] and that is the reason a man is said "to [illegible] town red" when he takes too much [illegible] fermentation and decomposition of [illegible]

[illegible] do people have for Christmas din-[illegible] perhaps, and that is generally made [illegible] and vinegar, but should be pure [illegible]

[illegible] housekeeper who starts out to purchase [illegible] dinner has quite a lengthy task. [illegible] go to the butcher's and select a [illegible] beef for the roast and a pair of [illegible] with purple bills that are tender and [illegible] then there is sausage for stuffing the [illegible] comes a visit to the grocer for veg-[illegible] cranberries, then to the tea store for [illegible] the wine merchant's for wine and [illegible] oranges and lemons, raisins, cur-[illegible] come from the fruiterer's, and [illegible] Then probably there will be a [illegible] confectioner's for candies and mot-[illegible] mother to the florist to purchase [illegible] and holly for ornamenting the [illegible] of English mistletoe to have un-[illegible] chandelier. It will take two or three [illegible] the Christmas dinner, and every [illegible] children should kiss the cook who [illegible]

[illegible] ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

[illegible] Came from the Seven Branched Candlestick

[illegible] the lights on the Christmas tree? [illegible] in the *Cornhill Magazine*, and [illegible] the question as follows

[illegible] month of the Jewish year, corre-[illegible] to our December, and on the [illegible] day, the Jews celebrated the Feast [illegible] of their temple. It had been [illegible] on that day by Antiochus. It was re-[illegible] by Judas Maccabaeus and then, ac-[illegible] Jewish legend, sufficient oil was [illegible] the temple to last for the seven [illegible] candlestick for seven days, and it [illegible] seven days to prepare new [illegible] the Jews were wont on the [illegible] of Kisleu in every house to light a [illegible] the next day two, and so on till [illegible] and last day of the feast seven [illegible] in every house.

[illegible] to fix the exact date of the Na-[illegible] most probably, on the last day [illegible] every Jewish house in Bethle-[illegible] Jerusalem was twinkling with lights [illegible] notice that the German name [illegible] is Weihnacht, the night of dedica-[illegible] were associated with this [illegible] Greeks also call Christmas the [illegible] Lights, and, indeed, this was also a [illegible] the Benedictine festival, Chanuka, [illegible]

[illegible] the seven-nozzled lamp, or [illegible] candlestick, symbolized the [illegible] candlestick in the temple. This [illegible] moreover, made like a tree, and each [illegible] a flower on the tree.

[illegible] branched candlesticks were in [illegible] German churches in the middle ages. [illegible] magnificent that remains is one in the [illegible] at Essen, dating from 1003, standing [illegible] feet high. Another is at Brunswick, [illegible] and a half feet high. Many [illegible] The writer saw a very beautiful [illegible] of seven candles in [illegible] of angelica leaves. He was [illegible] only lighted on Christmas eve. [illegible] is one of the thirteenth century, [illegible] the Virgin, with four rivers, [illegible] from the base. [illegible] three. A superb tree of seven [illegible] presented to Canterbury in the [illegible] another to Winchester by king [illegible] Anthony Beck, Bishop of Dur-[illegible] what seems to have been one [illegible] with an image of the Virgin and [illegible] to his cathedral. The Blessed [illegible] the place of the Norse Hertha by [illegible] A seven-branched candle-[illegible] at Lichfield several remain in [illegible] Angers, Tours, Vienne. They [illegible] at the entrance to the choir, and [illegible] lighted at the midnight mass on [illegible] as the Paschal candle was lighted.

Wilson's Alleged Secret.

New York Mail and Express.

[illegible] of the Doc Wilson swindle is [illegible] brother, that Doc had knowledge [illegible] of a crime by some person in [illegible] interested, and that all the [illegible] to Wilson was to pur-chase his silence. As this represents Moen to be a generous friend, and Wilson a despicable wretch, it is in keeping with what appears otherwise of the characters of these men. Wilson, it is said, will at last reveal this crime. Let us hope so—for as Wilson through his long concealment of a crime of which he had knowledge has, in the eye of the law, become an accomplice, he will no doubt be punished with the original guilty party.

BENTON'S DENIAL USELESS.

He did Attack the President at Gallatin. No St. Louis Special to N. Y. Times (Administration)

In view of the fact that Senator Vest is reported as using his utmost influence to save Col M F Benton, U S district attorney for the western district of Missouri, from a second and perhaps final suspension from office, and the general denial that Mr Benton made use of the language attributed to him, the following interviews with leading democrats of Gallatin, where the speech is said to have been made, will be found interesting. A reporter who visited Gallatin after the publication of Benton's speech, ascertained that the best of reasons exist for believing that the speech was delivered as reported by Mr W T Sullivan and that it abounded in unpleasant reflections upon President Cleveland and his policy. Mr Sullivan has made affidavit to his report which charges Benton with having referred to the president's "civil service humbuggery," and gives Benton credit for having asserted that Cleveland gets his financial ideas from the gold bugs of Wall street.

Mr Sullivan's affidavit is supported by the testimony of Judge Frank Ewing, of Daviess county probate court, a prominent democrat of Gallatin, who, when questioned upon the subject of Benton's speech, actually admitted that Sullivan's report was substantially correct. "I am afraid Benton did use the language attributed to him," said Judge Ewing. "I am a strong Cleveland man myself and I've got no use for anybody who will draw a salary from the government with one hand and rip it open with the other, as Benton did. He said in effect, that the president draws his inspiration on the silver question from the gold bugs of Wall street, and referred to Cleveland's civil service policy as 'humbuggery.' Benton's remarks were very ill timed and injudicious. The democrats of Daviess county brought him here to make a good old time whoop 'em up democratic speech, hoping by advertising him as the nephew of old Tom Benton, to draw out a number of old democratic voters. He didn't make the kind of speech we expected, and threw a firebrand in our midst by attacking President Cleveland."

"Then Mr Sullivan's report is correct."

"Yes, I believe it is."

Judge J F Hicklin, democratic ex prosecuting attorney of Daviess county, said: "I heard Mr Benton's speech, and I believe that Sullivan's report of it is in the main correct. Benton certainly criticised the president severely on his civil service record. He claimed, as a democrat, the right to express his own opinions, and he did not hesitate to give utterance to them in a forcible manner. I thought at the time that his language was somewhat inappropriate, coming from one of President Cleveland's appointees."

Mr T B Yates, president of the Farmers Exchange bank, of Gallatin, and a prominent democrat, had heard Benton's speech. "So far as I remember," he said, "Benton criticised the president's civil service reform policy and wasn't very choice in his language either. I believe he referred to it as civil service 'humbuggery.' While I hold practically the same views on this subject as Mr Benton still it struck me at the time that Mr Benton might have found something else for discussion in a democratic speech. I don't think that he should have gone out of his way to find fault with the president. I did not hear Benton's remarks on the silver question."

Mr D Harfield Davis, formerly editor of the Gallatin *Democrat*, said: "The impression produced on me by Benton's speech was very unfavorable to the speaker. I thought that Benton should not have criticised President Cleveland's policy, for the reason that in principle Mr Benton is as much a part of the administration as is Mr Cleveland. He did not hesitate to take issue with the president on civil service and the silver question, and expressed himself very forcibly. He did not think that the president had pursued the proper course, and while I don't remember his exact language, I think that Mr Sullivan has reported it correctly."

CONCERNING WILLS AND TESTAMENTS.

In a recent number of the *Forum* magazine Judge Edward A Thomas publishes an interesting article on the subject of "Wills and Testaments," to which popular attention has been attracted of late by the numerous efforts to set aside wills by the judgment of courts.

After noting several glaring examples of the difficulty of drawing wills so as to make them invincible and showing how estates are often eaten up by litigation in contests to break wills, Judge Thomas argues in favor of requiring the property of decedents to be divided by law and revoking the power of disposition by will. He says "If a parent desires to distribute his property equitably among his children he can rarely do better than to follow the statutes of distribution. If he does not propose to deal equitably, then he should not be given the power to do otherwise." There is much force in the following suggestions

A man is responsible for the care, the health, the education and the happiness of his children. That responsibility does not cease when they attain majority. He should treat them with strict impartiality. For a mere whim he should not be permitted to favor one more than another. Owing to his good or bad management they are, generally what he finds them to be. He has brought them up in comfort and luxury and then for some freak to leave them nearly or quite penniless. Their errors as well as their virtues are frequently attributable entirely to their parents. The child against whom the parent feels most bitterness is often the very one whose intellect, temperament, habits and aspirations most nearly resemble the parent himself.

The writer points out the fact, which is very well known that natural affection can not always be relied on to guide a man to the fair treatment of his children, and cites two startling instances of ungenerous treatment of wives and children by rich men in their wills.

Mr Thomas does not think the laws ought to be changed with undue rashness but believes that they should be so amended that when a man dies leaving children or their offspring, he shall not be permitted to will away the bulk of his estate, but that after providing for his widow, it shall be equitably divided among his descendants, with due allowance for advancements made during his lifetime, and with reference also to the physical and mental condition of the heirs. Should the deceased leave no descendants a much larger liberty in the disposition of his property should be allowed him.

The subject is one well worthy of serious consideration by law makers and by the people.

AN ORTHOGRAPHICAL BLUNDER.

Milwaukee Sentinel.

A few days ago Ben Smith of Corydon, Ind killed William Hill because he was not able to spell "icicle." While the provocation was very great, it will be admitted by all except pedagogues that the punishment was extreme—or if not extreme, that the offenders are so numerous it is impracticable to make the punishment general. There are 5,000,000 of persons over ten years of age in this country who cannot read or write, and probably four times that number who are unable to spell "icicle." Evidently it will not do to apply the pistol to this vast number of otherwise useful persons. The provocation was great, because Indiana spend $5,000,000 a year on her schools, and the inability of Mr Hill to spell this word showed a neglect of the facilities the taxpayers offer for education. If the punishment for bad spelling, however, is to be severe the limit of forbearance should be placed at an easier word than "icicle." There must be a limit, otherwise nobody but pedagogues will escape the severe penalty. How many millions, for example, would be destroyed for their inability to spell "ipecacuanha." It is certain that "typhoid" would strew the earth with dead and dying while "fetich" would crowd a cemetery. Perhaps it would be expedient to spare all who are able to spell "separate."

The courts are not likely to uphold or approve of Mr Smith's zeal for orthography and it is probable that even in the enlightened state of Indiana the killing of a man who does not spell correctly will be considered a crime. Yet Mr Smith's impatience with bad spelling may compel the Hoosiers to take precautions against men of his kind by the institution of spelling bees.

A Genius whose Strong Point was Pins.

Hartford Times.

Thaddeus Fowler who died in Seymour last week, was a prolific inventor. He invented machines for sticking pins in paper, for manufacturing iron pins, for sorting pins, for making pins head and all at a single stroke, for making needles, for pointing wire, for making horseshoe nails, for sharpening horse-clipping machines and for stamping metal. He also invented a reaping and binding machine, and the "sewing bird" used on ladies' work tables. He died comparatively poor, as he had little business capability.

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FARMING IN JAPAN.

Enormous Crops the Rule—Careful Cultivation of the Soil

Japan has an area of [illegible] square miles, or about [illegible] acres, says a writer in the San Francisco *Chronicle*. Of this area Japan has only 12,000,000 acres in cultivation by the spade, mattock or plow. From this cultivated area all the food and textile plants are grown to feed and clothe 38,000,000 people. The land outside of this cultivation does not contribute by grazing to their support as with us, as the Japanese wear no woolen clothing and eat neither beef, pork, mutton, milk, butter nor cheese. The utilized area yields them only fuel. Their 12,000,000 acres do even more than to clothe and feed them [illegible] people. They yield [illegible] pounds of tea, [illegible] bales of silk and large quantities of rice, tobacco and hemp for exportation.

In a population of [illegible],000, [illegible] there are [illegible] who belong to the agricultural class. There are [illegible] landholders. The land [illegible] average two and two thirds acres. There are few men who own and till ten acres [illegible] there are many who have one acre and less. [illegible] is not to be understood that all the labor of [illegible] of people is expended upon 12,000,000 acres of land, every farm family has its wheel, reel, warping bars and loom as the early settlers of this continent had, and their cotton, linen and silk [illegible] family use and even for sale. It is wonderful, however, [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] is generally a black vegetable mold, the result of the [illegible] tropical heat producing a luxuriant growth of vegetation which has decomposed and formed a black mold several feet in depth. In limited areas there is the usual variety of sandy [illegible] some but there is little, if any, barren land.

The climate is so mild that in the lower levels the soil never freezes [illegible] the [illegible] In the summer and winter crops are raised the [illegible] to maintain the fertility of the soil in this double demand upon it repeated fertilization is practiced. The number of domestic animals is comparatively small. There is no other country in the world with such vast unoccupied [illegible] for tillage and so well adapted to grazing that has so few domestic animals. The result of this condition is that the farmer has no barnyard fertilizers. Deprive the farmer in the older settled states of this country of these resources and there would be no agriculture but the Japanese without them and without any knowledge of agricultural botany or chemistry, have reached a crop rate unequaled in Europe or America. With no stock to feed, there are no uses for wheat, rye, barley, bran, and these are used to enrich the soil. They also use decomposed non-edible seaweeds. The whole sea-coast line of these islands must aggregate more than 3,000 miles. All along this line the tides deposit great windrows of seaweed, which is collected during low tide, piled up and allowed to decompose, and is then sold to the farmers. It is carried up to the foothills in boats, and thence by long lines of pack horses to the fields. In a half-day's travel it is not uncommon to see 1000 or more horses or cattle loaded with this material. The cost of carrying is small, as the pack animals are used in bringing produce down to the sea, river or canal.

Non-edible fish are another important resource of the farmer. Considering the area of land, their fishing grounds are greater in extent than those of any other country, and at other seasons of the year there are large schools of fish that are useless for food, and fleets of junks and small boats are employed with seines in catching them. They are all then sun dried and used to fertilize the soil. From the untilled and ungrazed lands on the plains, hill and mountain sides men, women and children cut the rank vegetation, and carry it on their backs or on the backs of cows to the farm houses, where it is burned, and the ashes used to enrich the soil. All the straw of the rice, rye, oats, wheat, barley and millet is utilized in the same way.

There are inexhaustible shell limestone and gypsum deposits and from this lime is made and is used on the black vegetable soils. Heretofore all the oils used in the country were of vegetable origin except small quantities of fish oil. After the oil was expressed the oil cake was exclusively used as a manure. Notwithstanding the importance of all these, the chief reliance of the Japanese farmer is upon the night soil of the towns, cities and villages. All this is saved and carried sometimes great distances. It is safe to say that by the utilization of this night soil, which with us is entirely wasted or even worse, is applied to breed pestilence, the agricultural product of that country is [illegible] and the continued fertility of the soil secured.

In company with Gen Van Buren, United States consul general at Yokohama, the writer visited the agricultural fields of Kioto, the old capital. There the conquering race had tilled the soil for 600 years. We saw a man plowing near the road and we stopped to talk with him. He informed us that he had harvested a crop of rice which, after being hulled, averaged seventy bushels to the acre, and that the winter crop on the same land had been wheat, with an average yield of forty bushels to the acre. In addition to this between the rows or drills of wheat, early in February, he had sown a crop of early vegetables. He was then plowing the land for the fourth time, and informed us that he usually plowed it eight times. In reply to the question why he plowed it so often, he said "In order to make the soil yield such good crops year after year we must use all the fertilizers which the soil can transmit to the roots of the plants. To do this we must have the soil completely pulverized, so that the roots can penetrate every portion of it. Another reason is that we put a large quantity of compost manure on the land before plowing, and it is desirable to have it completely mixed with the soil." To our expression of surprise at the enormous yield, he said that farther down the valley the soil was deeper and finer and that it yielded better returns than he realized and that some of the best land yielded fifty bushels of wheat in the winter and seventy-five bushels of rice in the summer besides the crop of vegetables between the wheat rows in the spring.

Rice is the great crop of the country. Fully one half of the land under tillage is devoted to that food plant. There are two great varieties of rice grown—lowland and upland. Lowland rice is grown in the valleys on the plains where irrigation is practicable and where the plains can be flooded. In order that this can be done the land is subdivided into small plats and leveled or embanked. In valleys that have any slope in order that the plat may be level, the embanked subdivisions must be small, not larger in many instances, than a good sized room; in others as large as an average-sized house, and the valley must have a very gentle slope to allow the plats to contain more than a half acre. The embankments are made of mud and are about two and one-half feet high. Their construction and the leveling of the plats involve considerable labor, but the results richly repay it.

Besides rice, barley, wheat, rye, millet, and some corn are grown. By far the most important of these cereals is rice, yet nothing can be further from the truth than that rice is the exclusive food of the people. Rice when hulled is pure starch and that nutritive element will not support animal life. Wheat is raised as a winter crop to the amount of 40,000,000 bushels annually. Wheat is generally hulled, boiled and eaten the same as rice. Sometimes it is ground, and mixed with other substances made into cakes, but it is never made into bread, as with us. In fact there is no word in the Japanese language for bread. There is no process known to Japanese cooking analogous to yeast fermentations. There is not a flour mill in the whole empire. Grains are ground by small handmills the exact counterpart of those seen delineated on the tombs and temples of the Egyptians, then bolted in small boxes by shaking the flour through several sieves or screens covered with cotton cloth. Barley and rye are grown and used in the same way as wheat. The barley produced is [illegible] bushels annually.

The City Girl Snubs the Girl of Housework

New York World

A woman prominent in New York society, discussing a certain eminently feminine topic, recently, said a few days ago that she had been pondering Mr Hewitt's remarks about the matter of equality between servants and their employers. She was a woman, educated at Vassar, who dipped a little into sociology, read Henry George's books and Mallock's answers, and had the technical phrases at her fingers ends. "I keep house," she said, "and I also belong to half a dozen charitable associations for helping women, and I assure you the results of my observations in both spheres fill me with amazement. On the one hand I am called upon to devise means to aid whole armies of women who are painfully destitute. Our new theories of charity discourage giving money and we must devise ways and means to make them self supporting, to help them to some kind of prosperity. In the various avenues of labor open to them they average from $3 to $4 a week. When they are economical they manage to live the moment they get sick or lose a place they are horribly destitute, and then the charitable societies have to help them to their feet again. All this while I am constantly worried about servants. I give them salaries ranging from $3 to $5 a week. They have no bed rent to pay. I have to perform, the work is light, clean and healthy. They have comfortable rooms and luxuries to fool no expense except for clothes which at least in the house, I insist shall be simple, and I furnish the aprons and caps. I treat them with civility. They have their regular days and evenings off and all winter they have a bright warm kitchen in which to receive their friends. In spite of the contrast of all this with the cold mean little apartments that working women live in, their walks to and from their work in all kinds of weather, and their meager insufficient food I can scarcely find a servant when I want one. They come in answer to my advertisement, and [illegible] me, lecturing me make all manner of stipulations before condescending to accept the place. Now why is it that women will choose the hard life in preference to the easy one? Can the positive that women prefer a precarious existence to [illegible] [illegible] superior position [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wearing a cap and [illegible] It is wearing [illegible] degrading. As far as [illegible] my table is a [illegible] [illegible] My belief is that the whole trouble is that among the working [illegible] themselves there is not only false standard of pride and until the [illegible] girl stops [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] women [illegible]

SOME POINTS ON HOLSTEINS.

[illegible] the Holstein as a [illegible] of the dairy breeds of the West. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the following outline of the history [illegible] [illegible] importation [illegible] [illegible] Mr Miller says

The hardiness [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is a virtue belonging particularly [illegible] fits them better than any other [illegible] [illegible] transferred to other lands will [illegible] increase of milk, meat and fat giving properties, and enable them to be entirely acclimated. These cattle, transported to Canada, Germany, Prussia and America keep their peculiar properties and many acquire even more elegant shape than our own indigenous animals. Fattened oxen weighing [illegible] pounds have not been rare for [illegible] years, nor cows that produce [illegible] from [illegible] to 1800 pounds of meat and fat. Young cattle produce flesh regularly interlarded with fat, interspersed all over in equal proportions. Our cattle are profitable breeds and meat to be preferred, as excellent milk, butter, cheese and meat qualities are united in one individual specimen. Large milk producing and easy fattening qualities in the same animal are more common than is generally known.

The first Holland cattle were imported by early Holland settlers. Old farmers, in speaking of some famous milker of forty years ago, would say "It was a real old fashioned Dutch cow." The first accurate description of an importer is found in the diary of Samuel S Barman, who settled in Cazenovia, N. Y., in 1795. The cows were the size of oxen, their colors were clear black and white, not spotted, but large patches of the two colors, very handsome bodies and straight limbs, horns middling size, necks seemingly too slender to carry their heads, disposition mild and docile. The writer made the next importation from Madison county, New York, seventy five years later. About 1810 the Hon William Jarvis imported a bull and two cows which he placed on his farm in Weathersfield, Vt, where they were successfully bred for awhile, but the pure blood became extinct.

Herman Le Roy imported some Dutch cattle which were placed on a Genesee (N. Y.) river farm between 18[illegible] but the pure blood was soon lost. Winthrop W Chenery, of Belmont, Mass, made importations in 18[illegible] and 1861, and was the first to maintain a purely bred herd in America. The records of some of his herd [illegible] pounds [illegible] ounces milk in one day, [illegible] pounds 10 ounces in ten days, [illegible] pounds [illegible] ounces in sixty three days, [illegible] pounds [illegible] ounces butter in six days, together with a rapid growth and great weight attained by some individuals [illegible] pounds at six years, [illegible] pounds at two years, created a widespread interest which has been growing ever since. Mr Chenery also gave us a herd book.

The next importation was the Miller made in [illegible], and consisted of a bull and three cows. They made the first annual Holstein record ever published in this country.

[illegible]

From this time really dates the general interest taken in Holstein, or as they are now termed Holstein-Friesian cattle. From 18[illegible] to the present time thousands have been imported and from one of the largest herds of this state pure bred cows of this breed, in [illegible] county, [illegible] an affidavit shows the cream to have [illegible] per cent of the whole milk. In relation to the Holsteins as a breed it is a matter of history that the first annual milk record made by a Holstein in this country was sixteen years ago [illegible] pounds, at that time the largest published of any cow of any breed. Then have succeeded [illegible] [illegible] ending with [illegible] in one year. In addition to these remarkable annual records there have been equally surprising daily records [illegible] pounds [illegible] ounces, [illegible] pounds, [illegible] pounds [illegible] pounds, [illegible] pounds [illegible] pounds, [illegible] pounds, 101 pounds, 10[illegible] pounds 11 pounds and [illegible] ounces. Two year old heifer daily records have been shown of [illegible] pounds and [illegible] pounds and [illegible] pounds

PRESS FUN.

There is everything to discourage a man who sells medicines. His best article is pretty sure to be a drug on the market.—Merchant Traveler.

France wants the territory back which Germany absorbed a few years ago, but she will not be able to Gol[illegible] it with the present cabinet.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

It is a mournful commentary on human vanity to see the mourners looking back on turning a corner, to see if the procession is worthy of the corpse.—Texas Siftings.

The most famous man in Yale college died Wednesday. He was known as "the half back and goal kicker"—probably some sort of higher mathematics.—Washington Post.

Words and their use. She—"I see, Jack, you are again building castles in Spain." He (gazing into his cup)—"Oh, no, my dear, only surveying my grounds in Java."—Life.

"Pa, have you got hydrophobia?" "No, Bertie what makes you ask that question?" "Well, I heard ma say to-day that you got awfully bitten when you thought she had a fortune in her own name."—Harper's Bazaar.

Faith is sometimes represented by the figure of a drenched female clinging to a sea washed rock, but a better personification would be a bald headed man buying a bottle of patent hair restorer.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

No Order. Sallie—"Mamma, did you notice how many orders Count Von Schwartz has?" Mrs Porcine—"Hush, my love. You speak of the count as if he were a traveling salesman. The nobility never take orders from anybody."—Chicago Rambler.

An austere looking lady walked into a furrier's yesterday and said to the yellow haired clerk "I would like to get a muff." "What fur?" inquired the dude. "To keep my hands warm, you stuttering idiot!" exclaimed madame crushing him like a thunder-storm.—Washington Critic.

A lady rushed into the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon and asked Detective Gadu if any stray children had been found by the police. She was informed that there were five in the different stations, whereupon she exclaimed "I have lost seven. Where are the other two?"—Montreal Gazette.

A Harvard professor has made the calculation that if men were really as big as they sometimes feel there would be room in the United States for only two professors, three lawyers, two doctors, and a reporter on a Philadelphia paper. The rest of us would be crowded into the sea and have to swim for it.—Detroit Free Press.

"It must be awful provoking to the men," said one of two ladies tripping along Fourth street. "How so?" inquired her companion. "Because when they pass a window they can only see one side of the street and ladies see what is on the other. They want to look at themselves in the mirror and see the lady at the same time."

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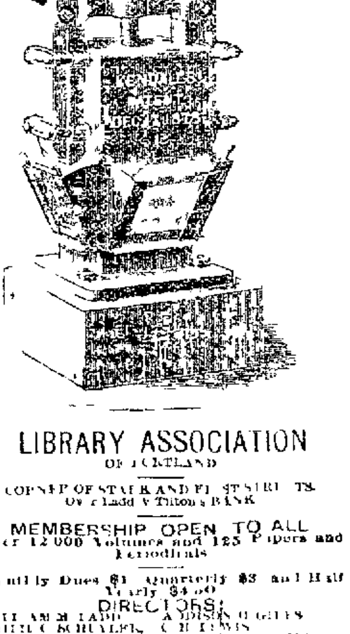

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CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTIANITY

"No one knows or can know when Jesus Christ was born. We know neither the day nor the year" These are the words of a great writer and preacher, a man of high standing in the Christian world. Undoubtedly they are true The personal adherents of Jesus were few, they had no conception of the incomparable place he was destined to fill in human history they had not the habits of culture and training necessary to the preservation of exact memorials, and their accounts of Jesus, first related from personal memory, were then relegated to tradition, so that the gospels, as we now have them, did not take their form till many years after his death. When the Christians, somewhat later, began to make inquiries about his personal history, they could get no exact information they could not agree upon the day of his birth, and finally compromised upon a time which came near that fixed upon by the concurrence of the different testimonies

The exact day or year, however, is a matter of small import. The great fact is enough There was such a person as Jesus, and the course of his life and manner of his death are among the best attested facts of history But a mist enshrouds the outer details of his life, and it is well, for the imagination, which invests him with all perfections, can best fill up the picture Literalness would destroy it

It is a shallow skepticism that questions the fact that he ever existed, and bases this opinion on want of accurate knowledge of the outward details of his life, and on the known disposition of the human mind to wander into myths. Even the exact day of Shakespeare's birth is not known, nor is the manner of his death And skeptics are continually questioning his identity and starting various theories to account for the existence of the works that go under his name but his personality suffers no obscuration, and one feels that it would detract rather than otherwise from his works and fame to have all the lineaments of his life sharply outlined and clearly revealed. But no person of well-balanced judgment has doubts as to Shakespeare or his identification with the matchless writings that go under his name.

It would be presumptuous in any one to attempt to say what the destiny of Christianity is to be. Time was when Christianity was defined chiefly by dogma but there is now a growing sensibility of the fact that the inner interpretation of its power is to be found in the means it provides for natural investiture of its founder with the highest ideals of humanity. Under all changes of human life, through the progress of the centuries, this ideal adapts itself to and presides over the highest aspirations of man and Christianity thus continues a growing power as the ideal grows Herein is the secret of its wonderful adaptation to the changing conditions of the life of mankind On so great a subject finite judgment may easily make a mistake and yet it would seem that in this ideal built on the personality of the founder of Christianity one might expect future ages to see one universal religion for the world

So far Christianity has known three great epochs, viz The first, extending from the ministry of its founder to the throne of Constantine the second, to the triumph of the cross over the crescent, when the Moslem invasion was rolled back from Europe, and the third from that time down to the present day Very nearly contemporary with the close of the contest between Christian Europe and the Saracen empire was the discovery of America and the new era of commerce The military supremacy of the Christians was succeeded by their commercial supremacy and that and other causes in due time developed supremacy in all that constitutes civilization For four centuries the drift of events has been toward adoption of Christianity The causes which have been at work are still operative and it is a moral certainty that the process now going on will not stop till the whole earth has felt its touch Even now there is no latitude or longitude where it has not a lodgment and the hearts of young and old made glad by remembering Christmas to keep it merry It will pursue its mission, follow its ideal, contributing its mighty influence to development of the character of man, and, in turn, as through centuries past, it will obtain further development or modification itself, as it becomes inspired still more deeply by man's growing intelligence, or finds itself lifted up to greater heights by the reflex action and power of that expanding spirituality in man which it has done so much to awaken and unfold

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

Christmas was originally a pagan festival and the coarse barbaric quality clung to it long after it had become a Christian holiday The old English Christmas was a day of gluttonous feasting and rude animal jollity The poor were drunk for days during Christmas week on the free ale of the rich and it was this riotous character that made the old Christmas find small favor in the eyes of the New England Puritans, while it flourished among the more convivial or at least less austere colonists of New York and the South The sober Puritan believed in devout days of thanksgiving and fast, but the old turbulent English Christmas, such as Walter Scott describes in "The Monastery, never found favor with the Puritans until it lost largely its animal coincidents of noisy sport and coarse conviviality until from a day devoted to heavy feeding and deep drinking it had put on its modern dress of charity and spiritual communion [illegible]

Since the great change in the character of Christmas it has become as much a religious and secular holiday in New England as it always was in the more mercurial [illegible] Perhaps as good a title as we could [illegible] it would be to call it "The Children's Hour We believe it was Ruskin who [illegible] the wickedness of a nation may be [illegible] how far it has [illegible] may be said [illegible] moral refinement [illegible] by the pains it takes to make the children happy and our own time bears [illegible] test in the increasing [illegible] to make Christmas a sweet memory to the innocent, imaginative children who watch and yearn for the coming of the Messiah in the shape of Santa Claus And why not There is a kind of poetic justice in making Christmas the Children's Hour, for some of the sweetest words of the Founder of Christianity, words that most perfectly make him near and dear to the human heart, were spoken of little children Their lovely innocence is painted in the words, 'Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven,' and the compassion that a child's pathetic helplessness always excites in a kindly bosom, blooms like a sweet and charming flower in the utterance, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not. The moral harmony of Christ's nature has been described as the blending of all that is noble, brave and genial in man, and that is lovely, tender, sympathetic and compassionate in woman, and it was the feminine side of him that always went out to little children His divine mercy, divine charity, divine compassion, divine fortitude stand for the divinity of the "perfect woman, nobly planned Infinite mercy, sympathy, boundless compassion and charity for women and children have the largest place in the religion of humanity preached by him. With all our distance from his day, how far off, how drearily distant are the best of earth from the tenderness of soul, which prompted that pure, majestic spirit to bless the weeping Magdalen, to forgive enemies, to comfort the afflicted and lift the fallen to be always true as well as tender to the children Christmas has, in our divine rite of commemoration, naturally become "The children's hour," because the great infinite sensibility went out spontaneously to little children, as material symbols of that innocence of heart that is the ultimate aspiration of those who conscientiously try to follow Christ. How a man of any imagination can ever see a little child at play without wishing that its ingenuousness, its frankness, its purity of thought and speech and its perfect happiness without effort, might continue from the cradle to the grave, is incomprehensible It seems as if human life began without guile, and it is a pathetic reflection to remember that it seldom, if ever, ends without it. Mothers invariably mourn over dead babies, and yet when we remember how few lovely and innocent children ever pass from the cradle to old age with their souls untainted by selfish sin of all sorts, we are not quite certain that the death of a beautiful, guileless child is not a more blessed memory than he is likely to leave if he lives to reach forty years of age If selfishness and sin have not by that time written their mark upon him he is a rare man Better the bright, beautiful child, full of joy and ingenuous affection, dead in the brilliant bud of early promise, than that same child dead at eighty, with a life of hideous sin and guilty sorrow behind him a bloated beast a selfish and cruel Shylock a misanthropic mourner over the consequences of life long animalism, or luxurious indolence The best proof of a sound, sweet heart is the child like spirit in a mature man the spirit of honest sensibility for the rights and wrongs of others the spirit of innocent mirth the spirit of frankness the speech of truth, and the generous hand Life is worth living just so long as there is a spark of the child-like spirit in us—not longer—which means that when we do not care for the joys and sorrows of those around us it is high time we should get out

A HEREDITARY TURN FOR TRADE

The New England Yankee is credited with a superior turn for trade His admirers call it thrift, economy, business talent, his enemies stigmatize it as greed, sharpness, selfishness, avarice There is probably some reason why the Yankee should have come to be regarded as peculiarly the money seeking, and therefore the money making American Is there not some force to the argument that New England was colonized by a community of traders, that they settled in a land of austere climate and poor soil, where nature was more unkindly than in the Middle and Southern states? From 1620 to 1640 some 21,000 men emigrated from the mother country to New England. These 21,000 progenitors of a race that embraces one-third of the people of the United States were not a poor, friendless and downcast class of men They included men of considerable culture, and these 21,000 men who settled the colonies of Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and Rhode Island brought with them 2,500,000 of our dollars and reckoning the dollar as worth six times what it is to-day the property they brought with them stood for fifteen millions of our money They were men of the same breed in literature, learning and political faculty that gave to the world Milton, Hampden and Pym they stood for the great middle class of England from which has sprung her ablest sons they included persons of birth and substance, like Lady Arabella Stuart, Sir Henry Vane and John Winthrop They were an emigration of high average individual wealth and intelligence and no wonder therefore that the progeny of such ancestors have proved a practical and thrifty race no wonder they became distinguished for commercial talent and the passion to acquire property, for their forefathers were a race of exceptionally thrifty and intelligent men of business Edward Winslow, a man of exceptional refinement and gentleness of character among a crowd of eminent associates was the able manager of the financial affairs of the colony He was the successful and energetic founder of a large fur trade with England, whose sales, under the supervision of Winslow were a source of important profit to the young colony In another sense they were men of business they brought with them the abandonment of feudalism the abolition of the law of primogeniture and the annulment of the entail law—the destruction of the privileges of the nobility These legal reforms of aristocratic abuses they established, and they brought here and founded sixty eight years before it was really [illegible] England all that the great revolution of Cromwell and that of 1688 secured

With such an ancestry no wonder their descendants became a breed of able business men, believing not only in an honest dollar, but in an honest, free ballot,—knowing that when ballots are bought or voters bulldozed you invite a state of political madness where the honest dollar is sure to be debased and honest debts repudiated.

This hereditary impulse toward honest dollars as the sound basis of all action in business and honest ballots as the basis of action in politics, is the inspiration of the nation's moral integrity and intellectual freedom The old Southern states that were not as a rule colonized as Cromwell's soldiers were recruited from thrifty farmers and traders, by the same powerful law of hereditary transmission are tainted with a rascally bias toward repudiation, both of honest dollars and payment of honest debts, and of honest ballots under free elections Virginia was first colonized largely by the gamblers, adventurers and dissolute bullies that Walter Scott describes as holding high revel in the quarter of London called Alsatia, during the reign of James the First Captain John Smith was a brave man, but even he had been a mere soldier of fortune an adventurous Englishman, like Thackeray's "Barry Lyndon, wandering about the world selling his sword to any nation that might buy it, a gallant swordsman, but not a soldier from patriotism or principle He agreed for pay to shed human blood he sold his sword as a prize fighter pounds and is pounded with no other [illegible] for his ferocity than the emoluments of the stake This bold adventurer was the noblest figure among the first colonists of Virginia the rest were far beneath him, for they had no trace of his soldierly virtues of valor and rugged frankness, but [illegible] with Robinson, Carver, Bradford, Winslow and Miles Standish, even Smith was a very [illegible] of manhood The first Virginia colony was composed of desperate men who crossed the [illegible] to the wild hope of retrieving their utterly broken fortunes, just as men of our times, who having lost their luck and character have rushed to the Black Hills, [illegible] or sought some other place where [illegible] the dirtiest kettle [illegible] the prevailing scenery and [illegible] the pilgrim [illegible] [illegible] Virginia is very rich There has been no time since the war when she could not have promptly met the interest on her public debt, and in that case there could have been no trouble in getting an extension of time for payment of the principal, or at all events of meeting maturing obligations with new bonds but so powerful is the hereditary impulse to business bad faith in Virginia that in 1877 the out-and out repudiationists were only defeated by the veto of Gov Holliday The rich and prosperous state of Georgia cannot get certain of her securities on the list of the New York stock exchange—cannot get them included among the securities in which savings banks, under the state law, are permitted to deal, because of her gross repudiation of a debt of some $8,000,000 negotiated since her reconstruction The same civilization that thus dallies with the payment of its honest debts with an honest dollar is also distinguished for its outrages upon the sanctity of an honest ballot.

Says the San Francisco *Alta* "Roscoe Conkling is totally blind for he says 'I have never looked upon the face of a lawyer who would sell his client Evidently Mr Conkling has never seen J H Mitchell, nor read the letter he wrote to J B. Price, wherein it is explained how, in consideration of the chance of getting ten acres of the Caruthers land in Portland, Mitchell "sold out his client, the state of Oregon, in a suit brought before the supreme court of the United States nor has he heard how Mitchell, after thus "selling out his client," the state, drew $5000 out of the state treasury in payment of his treachery. Mr. Conkling is much too fresh and green for this old world.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

The holiday season, in a broad sense, is time of social joy and genial congratulations among friends and neighbors Family reunions renew the broken circuit of domestic loves that, starting fresh and strong from the cradle of childhood, are sooner or later interrupted by distance or lose something of their best color and warmth before the chilling breath of time that freezes spontaneous affection into selfishness, or at best, converts it into a cold sense of duty which is a imperfect substitute for guileless love The anniversaries of Christmas and New Year bring with them what we might call, for lack of a better expression, a sort of midwinter thaw of human nature The hard eyes of avarice look something less hungry the hearts of the selfish are somewhat softened, the flag of truce to foes is hung out it means generally only an armistice, not a formal treaty of long peace, but for the time being the battle flags are furled the guns stacked and ancient enemies draw water at the same well, and pledge each other at least transient health, if not long life in the land The stern father softens to the wayward boy the selfish son grows more reverent and tender to the parents that he has come to think tiresome and exacting the husband's voice has a touch of the old time tenderness in it to his wife that brings the faded love-light flashing back to her eyes with the star glow of the days when both mourned over their first dead child the winter of their discontent with life is broken by the searching sun of the Christmas week that brings with it gentle thoughts of better days, before love went lame and its voice grew hoarse with the gruff accents of a chronic cold, when vows of mutual kindness and forbearance were sincerely registered in heaven, even if subsequently broken on earth Old age, smoothing its wrinkled and sometimes frowning front to-day dwells with softened fancy on the changes which the chances of time have wrought with him, since he used to anticipate with delight the coming of Christmas something of sadness perhaps mingled with his mirth as he murmurs to himself

My spirits flew on feathers then
For now tis little joy
To know I m further off from heaven
Than when I was a boy

This is the transient glow of good feeling that we, who have any Christmas, are lifted to by the better angels of our nature, angels that for the moment at least catch the refrain of the heavenly host that carolled in the ear of the Christ child 'Peace on earth and good will to men But the sad thought is of those who have no merry Christmas no happy New Year, and a sadder thought yet is of the thousands who never had any Christmas never will have any Christmas in this world who never had any happy years in the past and are not likely to have any in the future For such as these wherever found the Christmas holidays ought to be days of charity as well as days of selfish hilarity, for if there is nothing deeper in our mood than the selfish joy of giving and receiving gifts and kindly greetings, then the less we mouth about Christmas as a season of holy and inspiring memories, the better The hardest thing for a Yankee to comprehend is the moral capacity to be willing to give something for nothing The capacity to do this is to a Yankee just ground for deeming a man a fool or a fraud and yet this is just what Christ did he was always preaching the nobility of the doctrine to give something for nothing and practicing it when the gift means help to a suffering or falling man or woman If the need was kindly and wise counsel he gave it if it was charity for weakness and wrong that had a chance to be restored to strength and wisdom he gave it, and he gave it cheerfully, never boasting of it as an obligation past due but glad of it as a duty as acceptance to be of some honest service be it never so little, to a man and a brother in genuine trouble The fellows who give something for nothing as Christ did when he gave his labor and his life for humanity, are generally laughed at not by those who need help, but by those who never help anybody but themselves, but after all the capacity to do something for nothing is the essential philosophy of Christ. There are no coupons to charitable deeds that can be cut off in January and June, but if we are really not skeptics at heart we must believe there are dividends accumulating in the kingdom of heaven Christianity, in its essence, means the capacity and the willingness to do something for nothing for a man who is in need and who, because he is in need, is, according to Christ, doubly our brother

LONG HAULS AND SHORT HAULS

In reply to those who claim that cheap long hauls make dear short hauls, and therefore that the inter state commerce bill, which will prevent this injustice ought to become a law, it is asserted that in many cases and notably in the case of the transcontinental roads, the cheap long haul is actually a factor in keeping down the rates for local or short hauls The explanation given is this viz.

Rates across the continent to all points on the western seaboard must be low, or the roads will get little or no through freight. Competition by sea makes this necessary The railways must earn enough to enable them to live, at the very least The basis of their earnings is local business, and all the through business they can get is so much added to income By so much, therefore may the local rate be diminished by income from cheap through freight. But if nothing can be earned upon through freight an important revenue will be cut off and the bill before congress will annihilate the through traffic, since it prohibits greater charge for short than for long hauls Since local business cannot be sacrificed through business must be Yet it is urged that it is easy to carry the through freight at low rates because the trains must run anyhow, and [illegible] all that is gained from through freight [illegible] clear profit to the roads If these rates are low the roads will carry the freight otherwise the bulk of it will come by sea and to make up for the loss of revenue the roads will be obliged to charge more for local freights and short hauls

But the friends of the inter state commerce bill traverse this reasoning they hold it unsound, saying it is the railroad argument, and is not to be trusted It is more than probable that the relative value of the opposing views will have to be tested by experience before real ground for wise settlement of the contention can be gained

It has often been observed that a great many men who profess to favor woman suffrage as well as multitudes who profess to favor prohibition are not at heart truly sincere They find it less troublesome to profess assent than to submit to what they regard as the boredom to which they fear they would be subjected if they did not profess assent, and if they are politicians they can escape in this way an opposition that might give them some trouble, and at the same time get some support from other sources It is easy to pretend a quiet interest in a cause that is not strong enough to excite opposition, or is regarded by the multitude with indifference as if it were a sort of harmless folly In a community where there are many prohibitionists, it is easier to make pretense of accepting prohibition than to stand out against it and this, great numbers constantly do, though they have no intention of observing prohibitory laws and do not observe them It was boasted the other day by the *Woman's Journal* that all three of the candidates for mayor in Boston favored woman suffrage Whereupon the Boston *Herald* remarked "The amount of favoring of woman suffrage that is done by candidates for office is enormous We seldom indeed, look into the record of a man in this position but we find him thoroughly orthodox on this question Yet, somehow, woman suffrage, with all this support stands just where it did when the reform began ' The candidates for mayor of Boston are like the average politician in Oregon, who escapes the question by a lie, for which he knows there is no penalty

An Eastern democratic paper tells the president that "the way to fire the democratic heart is to 'fire' every republican yet remaining in office"

Lippincott's for January is at hand, with Miss Cleveland's poem, "The Dilemma of the Nineteenth Century" Till we saw this effort we thought Tennyson was writing mighty poor stuff, but now perhaps there is some excuse for him If the dilemma in which Miss Cleveland found herself was a difficulty to decide whether she should publish or not, it is unfortunate that she took the wrong end of it. The poem is insufferable stuff

Waves of trouble roll across the erewhile peaceful and self satisfied breast of mugwumpery Thus, *Harper's Weekly*, after saying that 'the president's remarks in his message upon the subject of civil service reform are in accord with his known convictions, and the force with which he expresses himself shows at least no consciousness of a disposition to surrender to the spoils politicians," remarks in another article of the same issue that 'the reinstatement of Mr Benton and the refusal to reinstate Mr Stone are in accord with no principle, and are flagrantly inconsistent with the distinct declaration of the president in the league letter," and that the letter in the case of Stone is "an abandonment of the principle of reform ' We have this result therefore "The president's remarks upon reform are in accord with his known convictions, while his actions upon reform are "flagrantly inconsistent" with "his known convictions ' And yet the *Weekly* still professes faith in the administration There never was a particle of honesty in that publication

On the day the democratic leaders in congress made their abortive effort to call up the Morrison tariff bill the New York *World* came out with an earnest exhortation to its party's representatives in congress to vote together for taking up the bill "How," it inquired, "can the democratic party hesitate as to its duty? With what confidence can it again go before the country after having twice refused even to consider the question of tax reduction"' These questions remain unanswered For the democratic party still hesitates, still refuses

It is now promised that the postal telegraph will be in operation to Portland by the 1st of March. Some say it will cheapen telegraphic rates, and add that this will put THE OREGONIAN at a disadvantage But THE OREGONIAN is unable to see why it shouldn't be as well able to stand the "disadvantage" of lower telegraphic rates as anybody else.

In North Dakota there are 200,000 inhabitants in South Dakota, 300,000 Each section ought to be admitted as a state at once South Dakota has just been holding a constitutional convention

The decision of the supreme court of Ohio to the effect that saloons must pay tax, will bring into the treasuries of the several counties the great sum of $2,144,129 this year

John Conness, once a senator of the United States from California, tried recently to become an alderman in Boston, but failed

Mills of Minneapolis have turned out six million barrels of flour this year, worth above twenty five million dollars

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PRESS PITH

Mrs de Hobson (complacently)—"Yes, Mr Featherly, that is a portrait of myself when a little girl It was painted by a celebrated artist" Mr Featherly (anxious to say the right thing) "Er—one of the old masters?"—New York Sun

You can't expect a man of my trade to join the strike," said a carpet beater 'Why not?' asked the walking delegate 'Because we are only carpet knights, and we can raise more dust by working than loafing —Philadelphia Herald

"The boys have an appropriate name for the pastry cook at our boarding house,' remarked the snake editor "What is it ' asked the horse editor "She's a darkey from Virginia, and they call her the old dough minion.'—Augusta Chronicle Telegraph

"Johnny,' said the Sunday school teacher, "what does your lesson say?' Repeat it again" "All flesh is grass, quoted Johnny "Now Johnny, what is meant by 'all flesh "Folks," responded Johnny "That's right, Johnny And what is meant by the statement comparing them to grass?" "Green, I guess"—Pittsburg Dispatch

A rather elderly maiden had married a gentleman named Young 'Allow me to congratulate you on the renewal of your youth, said the jester after the ceremony, "Sir' was the frigid and dignified response, "I fail to comprehend your meaning' 'Why' said the jester, 'don't you know that your marriage has made you Young again?'—Pittsburg Dispatch

First Omaha Miss (who has been reading the Colin Campbell divorce proceedings)—The poet Tennyson can say some awfully cutting things, can't he ' Second Omaha Miss—I never noticed that trait. 'Don't you remember the poem about the grand lady who refused him?' "Of course" 'Didn't he get back at her, though" "Why, not very severely' 'Severely It was a fearful cut. He didn't mince matters a bit—but just called the hussy a 'daughter of a hundred earls —Omaha World

Scene at an evening party Mr Mildman meets and converses with a lady he has seen before, but he cannot recall her name They talk a while he thinks he has identified her As she is turning from him she says, with an arch smile 'You don't know who I am' 'O, yes,' said he, 'you are Mrs MacIntyre' "There," she replied, "I was sure you didn't remember me but never mind, I am glad to be taken for Mrs MacIntyre, for she is so beautiful I am Mrs Sleeper" "O' said he, "I beg pardon but don't tell Mrs MacIntyre of the mistake I made —Shoe and Leather Reporter

The Work not all Done.
St. Louis Globe Democrat

Jay Gould's doings with the Wabash have been well shown up by Judge Gresham, but wait till some equally honorable and fearless judge takes hold of his transactions with the Texas Pacific—then there will be fun

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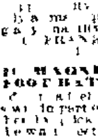

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PORTLAND Dec 24 [illegible] 40 P M

Place of Observation.	Height of Bar	Change last 8 hours	Ther	Wind direction	Rain fall	State of Weather
Portland	30 01	—03	48	SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olympia	[illegible]	01	[illegible]	SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Roseburg	30 30	—0	50	NE	[illegible]	[illegible]
Red Bluff	30 1	—05	49	NW	00	Clear
Sacramento	30 1	00	[illegible]	[illegible]	00	Fair
Mendocino	30 21	05	41	SW	00	Cloudy
Astoria			48	NW	02	Fair
Tatoosh	29 8		45	SW	00	Cloudy
Spokane	[illegible]	—0	39	SW	00	Cloudy
Walla Walla	9 39	03	48			

Maximum thermometer [illegible] minimum 4 [illegible]
River at 11 A. M 4 5 feet

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 —Indications for the twenty-four hours commencing 4 A. M., December 25 Oregon and Washington territory, cloudy weather and occasional rains.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Passed Heron to arrive over the Northern Pacific. J. R. Ladd, Sol Oppenheimer, Mrs. [illegible] Smith, L W Obre, A H. Dixon, J G [illegible], Mrs James Ellis, and fifteen immigrants.

Passed Huntington to arrive over the Short Line A. W Pettibone, C C. McCoy, F. Mason, [illegible] W. Freeman, D W Till, J Austed, Mrs. G. E. Lamb, W P Clemens, and twenty immigrants.

OUTGOING PASSENGERS.

The steamship Queen of the Pacific sailing hence carries the following passengers

J Haines
P J Cash
C E Ovid
Chas Allen
M L Starr
Rev A W Snepp
T Kirwan
Miss Mason
Judge F J Taylor & wf
J W G Coffran
W L Stone
R W Chilson
G W Bennett
J H Jebne
John G Hiles & wf
F Henderson
E B Wadsworth & wf
John Olsen

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Geo W Hibbard
J W Mitchell
Frank Olmstead
H S Bellsmith
C F Kamm
Mrs E D Gridge
E Strauss
C E O'Neil
F H Obilson
J H Shields & wf
Mrs Story
H A Savage & wf
R A Coleman & wf
Frank Clough
F Kellogg

PASSENGERS FOR THE NORTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 Passengers by the G. W Elder
Victoria—Thomas Guthrie Wesley F Orr, Miss L. Stinson [illegible] R. Miner, A. E Trevithick, E P Miner Samuel Gates, Robert W Ward, Kwong Yoen
Seattle—H Clotner A Werner, W Donovan, G W Moore

JAIL BIRDS CAPTURED BY INDIANS

Several the Robbers now Holding the Fort Against the Tribe

BLACKFOOT, I. T. Dec [illegible] Lovett and John [illegible], confined in the jail at this place waiting trial for express robbery broke jail this morning, and stealing two ponies started for the mountains. A mile from town they met Young, an accomplice, with two horses The three proceeded together, and after a short distance met an Indian, whom they held up, taking a needle gun from him The desperadoes then proceeded on their way The hunting party to which the Indian belonged were encamped in the vicinity, and on learning of the robbery of their chief they at once took the warpath in pursuit. There were a half a dozen warriors in the party They caught up with the whites about two miles from camp The whites endeavored to elude them A running fight took place, resulting in the capture of Lovett and Johnson, the latter being shot twice and probably fatally wounded. Young being better mounted was harder to overtake. He finally [illegible]

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PORTLAND, Dec. 24, 6:49 P. M.

	Bar.	Ch'ge last 8 hours	Ther.	W'nd direction.	R'n fall	State of w'hr
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[illegible]	29.08	—03	48	SW	.00	Cl'dy

...thermometer, 50.7; minimum, 42.6.
...11 A. M. 4.5 feet.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

...Francisco, Dec. 24.—Indications for the ...hour commencing 4 A. M., December ...and Washington territory, cloudy ...occasional rains.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

...to arrive over the Northern ... W. S. Ladd, Sol Oppenheimer, Mrs. ... L. W. Obye, A. H. Dixon, J. G. ... Mr James Ulis, and fifteen immigrants.

...to arrive over the Short ... W. Pettibone, C. C. McCoy, F. Mason, ... D. W. Till, J. Austed, Mrs. G. ... W. F. Clemens, and twenty immigrants.

OUTGOING PASSENGERS.

...steamship Queen of the Pacific sailing ...carries the following passengers:

S Linkton
L VanVleit
Geo W Hibbard
J W Mitchell
Frank Olmstead
H S Bellsmith
C F Kamm
Mrs E D Cridge
E Strauss
C E O'Neil
F H Obilson
J H Shields & wf
Mrs Story
H A Savage & wf
B A Coleman & wf
Frank Clough
F Kellogg

PASSENGERS FOR THE NORTH.

...FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Passengers by the ...—Thomas Guthrie, Wesley F. Orr, ... G. E. Miner, A. E. Trevithick, ... Samuel Gates, Robert W. Ward, ... H. Clothier, A. Werner, W. Donovan, ...

...CAPTURED BY INDIANS.

...Holding the Fort" Against the Tribe.

...I. T., Dec. 22.—Lovett and John... in the jail at this place waiting ...express robbery, broke jail this morn... stealing two ponies started for the ... A mile from town they met Young, ...accomplice, with two horses. The three ...together, and after a short distance ...Indian, whom they held up, taking a ...from him. The desperadoes then ...on their way. The hunting party to ...the Indian belonged were encamped in ...vicinity, and on learning of the robbery of ...they at once took the warpath in pursuit. There were about a dozen warriors in ... They caught up with the whites ...five miles from camp. The whites en... to elude them. A running fight took ...resulting in the capture of Lovett and ... the latter being shot twice and probably wounded. Young being better ... harder to overtake. He finally ... way around to the Indian camp, ...had been left unguarded, and established ...in the wickiup where the party's ammunition and arms were kept. The Indians at ...are trying to drive him from his ...by their well-known tactics of riding ..., reaching to within a few yards of ...wickiup which the rider fires into from his ...hanging at the side of his pony. ...reported badly wounded and will soon ...

THE COURTS.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

... & Co. vs. Flavel & Elmore—Motion ...injunction allowed.

...States vs. N. P. Lumber Manufacturing ...—Motion for new trial allowed unless ...will remit $365.

... San Francisco bank vs. Burns et ...hearing; argument for plaintiff con...

CIRCUIT COURT DEPT. NO. 2.

... Railway company vs. M. B. Ran... defendant, Portland National bank, al... days to answer.

...of Oregon vs. James Page—Plea of ...sentenced to sixty days in jail.

...of Oregon vs. Ed Flanbigan—Plea of ...sentenced to sixty days in jail.

...of Oregon vs. Ab Sam—Plea of guilty; ...is one year in the penitentiary.

...F. Goldberg vs. E. Weber—Plaintiff ...ten days to reply.

IT MUST BE CONFESSED

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...the beautiful Celluloid goods of which we ...full line, and will sell them at cost during ... An excellent chance to buy something ...at low prices. See them at the Brush and ...Factory, Fourth and Morrison.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

How an Encounter was Averted.—A number of legal gentlemen were assembled in Judge Stott's office yesterday "taking testimony before a referee." Judge J. K. Kelly was examining the witness for one side and Ellis G. Hughes for the other. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Hughes suggested pointedly that Judge Kelly was coaching a witness, and the latter in his haste called Mr. Hughes a liar. Then Mr. Hughes straightened himself up to full hight, and coolly and deliberately—spacing his words very wide, say a second between each—remarked: "Old man, I am going to put you out of this room. You must go." Judge Kelly had a pocket-knife in his hand. He rose to his full hight and holding up the blade, which was less than an inch long and no larger than a wooden toothpick and somewhat discolored with tobacco, retorted: "I dare you to lay hands on me. If you do, you will never do it again." Just then Sam Stott, who was operating a typewriter, came to the end of a line and the bell rung. "Chestnuts!" exclaimed Judge Bellinger, and the fortunate interruption gave everybody a chance to laugh, and thus a personal encounter was averted.

Why He Liked New Year's.—On his road down town last night an Oregonian reporter was enjoying his post prandial cigar on the back platform of a Washington street car in company with a well-known bachelor. The coming festivities were the subject of conversation, and the bachelor remarked: "I don't care much for Christmas myself. New Year's is my day. Christmas is very nice for children, and it's a pleasure for me to send presents to my nephews and nieces scattered all over this country; but I like New Year's. I can lie abed late in the morning and think over my mistakes in the past year and make good resolves for the new one; and then I can get three or four hours' good reading out of the New Year's Oregonian. I can see what progress Portland and Oregon have made in the year and what's to be done in future, and it makes me feel safer in my investments." While the public have always shown proper appreciation of The Oregonian's efforts every New Year's to set forth the northwest coast as it is, this is the first instance that has come to light where the New Year's issue has served as a mental consoler.

Christmas Festivals.—The Baptist Chinese Mission school, at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets, held their annual Christmas festival last evening. The chapel was handsomely and tastily decorated with festoons of evergreens, lanterns, banners, etc. A long strip of black silk was stretched across the room, on which was inscribed in large letters of gold: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The building was crowded with the friends of the pupils, who listened with interest to a programme of singing and recitations by some twenty-five members of the school, who acquitted themselves very creditably. On the platform was a beautiful cedar tree decorated with fruit, ornaments and candles, gold tinsel, etc., and literally loaded down with presents, many of them of considerable value. At the close of the exercises the presents were distributed by Mrs. Smith and Sid Back. All the teachers were remembered, as well as all who had aided the school in any way, for the Chinese appreciate any kindness shown them.

Successful Hunt.—Messrs. R. E. Bybee, W. A. Scoggin, Jos. Paquet and Jos. Payne of Cheney returned yesterday from a hunting trip to Foley lake, covered with mud and glory. They just think they had the boss hunt of the season, having secured 154 canvasback ducks, 100 trash ducks, 3 geese and 9 swan. Mr. Scoggin called four swan up to a blind in which Messrs. Bybee and Paquet were concealed, who at the first shot brought down three of the huge birds. The other sailed away, but was whistled back by Scoggin and another shot laid it beside its companions. Foley lake is on Sauvie's island, on land owned by Bybee, Paquet, Scoggin and others. The land is good, but the water is more highly valued per acre by the owners for the crop of canvasbacks it raises.

Another Appointment.—With the incoming democratic state administration several republican office-holders are expected to step down and out with as little delay as possible, and the interior press have already filled most of the offices. Here is the latest from the *Astorian*: "It is thought that among other state official selections Judge Page, of this city, will be tendered the position of clerk of the supreme court under the new administration which takes charge next month, a responsible position for which he is well qualified. Should he accept the place it would necessitate the appointment by the governor of a successor, a selection which would, very probably, be made by the incoming executive."

Multnomah Benevolent Association.—On Thursday, this association, which was formed from No. 2 Company when the volunteer companies were merged into a paid department, held its annual meeting and elected the following officers: T. B. Trevett, president; Ad. Burchard, vice-president; John F. McCraken, secretary; Frank Zan, treasurer; M. Zeitfuchs (1 year), Wm. Wadhams (2 years), Wm. Kapus (3 years), trustees to fill unexpired terms. The president appointed as the auditing committee J. R. Wiley, R. T. Chamberlain, G. W. Pittock and Samuel Fox, and H. Lemline and N. B. Lappeus as the investigating committee. The association will hold a special meeting February 3.

More Plentiful Now.—Times have changed in Oregon within the past thirty or thirty-five years. Then a Christmas turkey cost $30 to $40 and very few could be had at that price. Apples sold for two to three bits each, and were scarce at that, and fern roots were pretty good vegetables. Now it is difficult to conceive of anything in the way of luxuries or delicacies which cannot be had here. Of course there is no end to Oregon apples, and pears and grapes are plentiful, and pineapples, oranges, lemons, raisins, dates and figs can be had on every fruit stand in the city. The products of every clime are at hand to furnish our Christmas fare.

Contractor Here.—Mr. L. M. Steel, the well-known railroad contractor, who did a great deal of work on the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific, arrived here Thursday with his wife and daughter and is registered at the Esmond. An Oregonian reporter met him yesterday, and, suggesting that where Mr. Steel was there also was railroad building, asked what brought him out at this time. Mr. Steel laughed in his good-natured way and remarked: "Well, you can say that I will be here all winter." Possibly the proposed construction of the Bull Run pipe line brings him here.

Big Security Debt.—Hall & Co., wool merchants of Chicago, yesterday commenced suit in the U. S. circuit court against the estate of Hans Weaver, of Douglas county, to recover $4475. Mr. Weaver went security for W. F. Owen for that sum, and since died and now his estate will probably have to pay it. Hecht Bros., wool dealers of Boston, also commenced a similar suit to recover $9300. The estate of Hans Weaver is said to be worth $31,000, so that if these suits are won by the plaintiffs, his heirs will not be left penniless.

New Trial Ordered Conditionally.—Some weeks since the United States secured a verdict in the U. S. circuit court against the Northern Pacific Lumber Manufacturing company for cutting timber on government land or for buying it from some one who had cut it on government land. The company considered the sum awarded the government excessive and applied for a new trial. Yesterday Judge Deady ordered that the motion for a new trial be allowed unless the plaintiff remit $365.

Probable Damage Suit.—Yesterday J. J. Holland was appointed administrator of the estate of his brother Philip J. Holland, and qualified, giving bonds in the sum of $100. The estate consists of a silver watch, wearing apparel and in addition thereto "a claim for damages for personal injury, causing his death, but the same being unliquidated and unascertained." This looks as if a suit for damages was to be brought against the O. & C. railroad, or the owners of the Mikado, or both.

Overboard.—About 9 o'clock last night a German who lives in Albina, and whose Christian name is Gus, slipped overboard near the end of the Stark street incline, and went into the river. Fortunately, he could swim, and was fished out by aid of bystanders. During wet weather the walk to the boat house, where the Albina ferry lands, is dangerous at night, and the matter could be remedied if a large lantern were hung on the end of the boat house.

The Holiday.—All courts, banks and federal, county and municipal offices will be closed today. At the postoffice the general delivery window will be open from 10 to 11 and 6 to 7; the registry window 11 to 12, and the stamp window 10 to 12. The money order department will not open and there will be one delivery by carriers after the arrival of the Eastern mails. The express offices will close at noon, and the Western Union will be open all day.

Small Fire.—The falling and breaking of a coal oil lamp in the premises of Ah Lit, a Chinese contractor, on Fourth street between Taylor and Salmon, caused a small fire at half-past 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was confined to the floor and a wooden partition. Fireman Fitzsimmons, of the "hooks," who happened to be in close proximity, smothered the flames with some blankets.

Christmas Dinner for Rats.—The jovial host of a First street hotel was presented with two brace of canvasback ducks a day or two since. These royal birds have been rather scarce in this region of late and so the Boniface determined to have a nice little feast to which he would invite a few friends. He hung the ducks away in a secluded spot till they were wanted. When he went after them he found that the pestiferous rats had climbed up and devoured the breasts leaving nothing but a mangled wreck. It is deemed advisable to "pull down the blind" on what followed; suffice to say that it is not safe to ask C. C. Scott how he likes canvasback ducks.

For Fattening Ducks.—Messrs. Everding & Farrell yesterday forwarded to a gentleman in Wisconsin a dozen canvas-back ducks, and are to receive in return a quantity of wild rice, which will be sown in some of the lakes on Sauvie's island. Wild rice is a favorite food of the wild duck in Wisconsin, and it will no doubt do well here and be available when the wapatoes are not. Now let some one get some of the seed of the wild celery, which the canvas-backs eat in the Chesapeake bay and its arms. It will grow here without doubt, and when we have the wapato, wild rice and celery we can beat the world on ducks.

To New Quarters.—F. W. Baltes & Co., printers, who have built up an extensive trade at 110 Front street, are removing to Cook's building, Nos. 28 Oak street and 82 and 84 Second, where their facilities will be increased by the addition of new and improved machinery and printing materials. No delay will be occasioned by the removal, as machinery will be in operation at both places until next week, when their new quarters will be open for the inspection of the public.

CHRISTMAS FARE.

Holiday Display Made by the Principal Butchers of the City—The Finest Exhibition of the Kind ever Seen Here.

The usual Christmas display of fine meats adorned the shops of our leading butchers last evening. It was by all odds the finest and most extensive display ever made in this city, and crowds thronged the various markets till a late hour to admire it, and to give their orders for what they particularly desired.

The place of honor is awarded to the veteran A. H. Johnson, who for thirty-four years in succession has prepared a Christmas display for the citizens of Portland. His chief attraction this year is the big steer Multnomah, exhibited at the fat stock show. It is without doubt the largest steer ever killed in the Northwest, weighing, dressed, 2040 pounds, and as fat as can be desired. Its huge quarters attracted much observation. He also displays a number of remarkably large and fat sheep, dressed in fine style and ornamented with artificial flowers, etc. A huge hog hangs behind the counter, along the marble slabs of which are ranged a number of what he calls pigs, being less than a year old, but they would pass for big hogs anywhere. At one end hangs a very large and fat calf, and all around the stall is lined with as fine meats as one could wish to see.

O'Shea Bros., in the New Market, make a fine display. Their long stall is a perfect wilderness of fat things. Hanging in one row are seen the carcasses of 110 fine sheep and lambs, handsomely dressed, and decorated with rosettes and ribbons. The hooks beneath these groan under the carcasses of fifteen fat beeves. A number of these are grass fed, just off the range, and are as fine beef as any could desire. The stall-fed beef is almost too fat. In the center of the stall hangs a huge hog, the champion of this season. It weighs 983 pounds and is fat as it is possible for a hog to get. It makes one feel greasy to look at it, and it is a relief to glance at the little sucking pigs which ornament one of the marble slabs. Several fine fat calves complete the list, for beef, pork, mutton and veal form the principal stock in trade of all our butchers.

Messrs. Papworth & Spaulding, corner of Third and Ash streets, exhibit a display which attracts attention not only from the fine quality of the meats, but from the amount of labor and artistic skill displayed in preparing it. Several remarkably fine calves show some of the most elaborate work in the way of dressing ever seen here. They were prepared by Mr. Papworth and are marvels of skill. All around the shop hangs a row of fine fat sheep, ornamented with vines, wreaths, etc., carved with a penknife. In the center of the row hangs a huge mutton, ornamented with wreaths of gilt vines and the word "Welcome" in the center in letters of gold. A lot of prime beef and a number of fine pigs fill every available hook in the place, and make a display well worth seeing.

W. W. Spaulding, corner of First and Madison, one of Portland's old-time butchers, lately gone into the business again, makes a very fair display. He shows a large lot of prime beef from stall-fed Holsteins, which would make the mouth of an epicure water. In way of pork he has a very large display, big hogs, medium sized and small, all of the fattest, while plump sucking pigs seem to be climbing the walls in all directions. He also has a fine lot of mutton and lamb, handsomely dressed and presenting a tempting appearance. Some remarkably fine calves are also exhibited, altogether forming a very extensive and fine display.

Thomas Duffy, corner of Jefferson and First streets, displays some fine beef and mutton. He also has some fine hogs and sucking pigs by the score, and besides everything usually found in meat markets, makes a specialty of sausages, bacon, smoked venison and all that sort of thing.

The display of the butchers, taken as a whole, can scarcely be excelled. The big steers, huge hogs and fat sheep are very creditable to those who have fattened them, but the fine display of grass-fed beef, right off the ranges, reflects more credit on our state and its climate than do the stall-fed animals. Where else can such fine beef be taken off the range at this season of the year.

POULTRY AND GAME.

The poulterers are not a whit behind the butchers, either in the extent or fineness of their displays. Turkeys are seen in great numbers, hanging in long rows in shops, under awnings and in trees. Some of them are perfect monsters. Those who prefer goose to turkey could be suited, for there is no lack of fine, fat geese, and as for chickens, ducks, grouse and pheasants there is literally no end of them.

The Oregonian wishes all its patrons and friends a right Merry Christmas and their full share of all the good things above mentioned, and also a happy and prosperous New Year.

THE STAGE.

The New Market.—Boccaccio was given again last night at the New Market. This is one of the most popular of all Miss Winston's repertoire, for it gives the handsome, shapely favorite more opportunity for the display of versatility. At the holiday matinee, and again at this evening's performance, elegant and tasty souvenirs will be presented to every lady who attends.

The Casino.—At the Casino, "Mikado," the never-failing card, drew another large house, Harry Brown seems to be getting funnier and funnier, at least so his repeated recalls last night would go to indicate. This afternoon Wilder Pease and Miss Eiseing in the cast, and little Japs will be given away to every child and lady in the audience. They are cunning little dolls, and the matinee will linger probably, long in the minds of the little ones.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. R. King and wife returned yesterday from their Eastern trip.

Gen. W. McMicken, of Olympia, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Dayton.

Mr. F. R. Moore, of Spokane Falls, is in the city and will spend the holidays here.

W. H. Marshall, of Pendleton, who was kicked, is doing splendidly at the Good Samaritan hospital. He hopes to be able to go home New Year's.

THE TIVOLI.

R. Clinton, the leading variety theatrical manager of the Northwest, nightly presents a first-class show at the Tivoli. This week the bill is an unusually attractive one. Besides the first part and a sparkling olio, a burlesque of "The Mikado," finely mounted and replete with local hits, is given. For the holidays, "McAir," an extravaganza taken from the comic opera of "Ermine," will be the leading attraction.

Our merchants seem to be fully prepared for the holiday season, and none more so than Woodard, Clarke & Co., whose display is simply beyond comparison. Include this place in your holiday round of calls.

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New Neckwear,
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SATIN SUSPENDERS,
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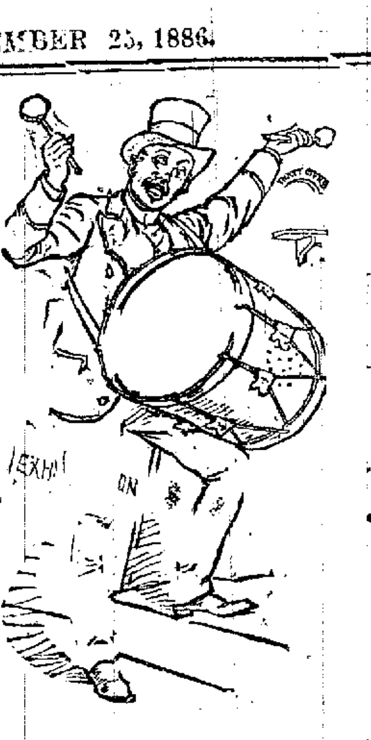

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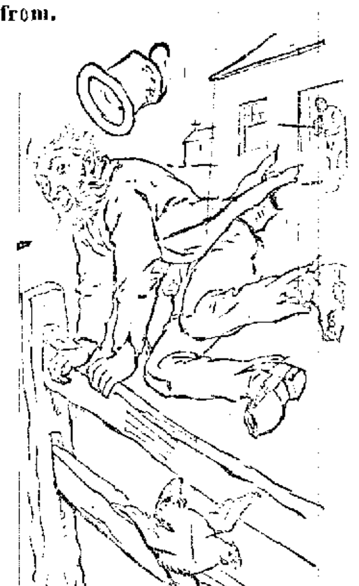
Glad to see you! We had a big rush last Saturday, and hope to keep it up all this week.

Remember This:
Every purchaser of one dollar's worth of goods or more can get a big guess at the
Jar Of Beans!
We are compelled to make this rule in justice to our patrons, that those buying one dollar's worth or over can only guess, or we would be again overrun like last week with speculators wanting to buy 10 cents' worth of collar buttons or some other notions. These prizes are for bona fide purchasers, and we don't care who get the Prizes—now on exhibition in our corner window—as they will be Given Away January 29th.

Going to the Opera To-Night?
If you have no Overcoat, come and see us. We'll give you a pointer about Overcoats that will do you some good. We have over one hundred Choice Styles to select from.



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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

[illegible]
the
Christ
mas tree
so bright
and green
awaits Old
Santa Claus
And the chim
ney place all swept
and clean gapes wide
its ponderous jaws
The little stockings are
all hung up and baby's
just makes four Won't
Old Santa Claus be surprised
when he finds there is one more
There's an elegant place up in the
tree to hang Johnny's gun, and a place
for May and one for Kate to leave
their dolls upon But for little baby
blue-eyes a lower branch he must choose
where she may reach and find the place
he's hung her first new shoes Turn down
the light a little, now so Old Santa
Claus can see And baby and all must
go to bed and be as good as good
can be and to-morrow morning get
up early after a long night's
sleep
and
more
softly
down
to the
Xmas
tree
and
see
Who'll get best [illegible]

Phil[illegible] Ne[illegible]

AN ACTOR'S CHRISTMAS

A [illegible]

[illegible]

An actor's Christmas! If the reader is not a professional [illegible] and [illegible] with professionals and only familiar with the actor's life from the front (in the professional vernacular for the auditorium) it will be concluded that an actor's Christmas will be very pleasant, as actors presumptively lead a very pleasant life, sleeping late in the morning, enjoying the sunshine while business men are busy in their offices or counting rooms, the favorites of fortune forsooth!

The professional reader or the privileged few who like myself are familiar with life in that mysterious world behind the curtain (the dividing line between the "front" or real life) will smile, for an actor's Christmas means a matinee performance. Holidays for the public is no holiday for the actor, as there is always an extra or matinee performance on such occasions. The only holiday in the sense of rest and relaxation from work that the actor knows, it may be observed *en passant*, is Sunday, and then often he is required in the theater for dress rehearsal of the new piece to be produced the ensuing Monday evening.

It is true that to the actor out of engagement the holiday is often a day of rejoicing, as affording him employment, as many performances are often prepared for the occasion only, and consequently the disengaged professionals always find work in these "snaps," as they are characterized in the vernacular of the theater, and which generally take the nature of an excursion to some rural town, going up in the morning by the train and leaving between midnight and daybreak according to the railway schedule, after an afternoon and evening performance, with a dreary dinner between, and all generally so thoroughly tired out that they sleep all the way back.

Of course the members of the companies in the leading metropolitan theaters do not fare so badly as their less fortunate brethren and sisters who are compelled to accept these "snap" engagements, or who belong to the traveling companies playing one night or one week in each place visited, and who consequently literally live in their trunks. But even the regulars have to appear at a matinee, which so far interferes with the domestic routine that the festivities of the day are never observed until the hours of rest and leisure after the evening's performance, when the Christmas dinner, for instance, is eaten while the rest of the world is abed dreaming over theirs.

No wonder then that the professional reader smiled at the mention of an actor's Christmas, for even if it comes on a Sunday, as it does every seven years or so, the preparation for the production on Monday, and there is the inevitable extra performance in the afternoon for the [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] holiday [illegible] the traveling [illegible] [illegible] Christmas [illegible] a sort of [illegible] of the reminiscence of previous Christmas dinners at home.

The actor is still rated a vagrant on the statute books, though his social position for numerous good and obvious reasons is better now in this country and England than it has ever been, the self-respecting and accomplished members being welcomed in high society with statesmen, authors, sculptors, painters, savants, and genuine love for their art generally renders them superior to the ordinary [illegible] vicissitudes of their nomadic art [illegible] and [illegible] catering to the popular standard [illegible] excepting on these occasions of the holidays, when, excepting those to whom they bring needed employment, when they realize that they are, after all, really vagrants in the service of the public which demands to be amused and entertained in its hour of ease and recreation.

But I mean to be particular and not general in writing of an actor's Christmas, of [illegible] old John Downs and [illegible] old wife's Christmas; exactly in what city I am not going to say, because it is not necessary to my narrative.

John Downs was the stage manager and "first old man" in the —— theater. He was a rosy faced, [illegible] gentleman with a border of [illegible] hair around his shining bald pate and a tendency to gout—inherited, he would declare, but his features indicated to the contrary. He had made his debut in theatrical life at the early age of 4, in England, in a pantomime as a Lilliputian dancer. He worked his way up in the profession, playing first general utility, then responsible utility characters, juveniles and finally leading business, until middle age and increasing girth and gout compelled him to go into the heavies and at length into old men.

His wife Betsy was a worthy helpmeet for such a worthy, self-respecting man as her husband. John was going on [illegible] years of age at the date of my narrative, while she was about ten years his junior. She was a stout, amiable little lady, almost as rotund as John, almost as rosy faced, with more gray hair than he had, devotedly attached to him, very proud of him and his abilities. They had been married for thirty-five years. Three children born to them in the early years of their wedlock were left by them in their little graves in the rural town in England where, connected with the same theater, they had met and married. Like him [illegible] on the boards in early youth, coming from theatrical parents, and like him she had played all business from utility to leading lady, until finally her figure and age compelled her to go into the heavies, and at the time of my narrative she was playing the first old woman in the —— theater, and between times, while his duties required him to be acting on the stage, in [illegible] a wait, she would take her place at the prompter's desk, and so thoroughly had she kept herself *en rapport* with him and his work that she could any time run the stage as well as he could.

It can be rightly concluded that they were a very happy couple, and they were, indeed, and their home, a suite of rooms on a second floor over a store, a few blocks from the —— theater (the going to and from which was generally the only exercise out of doors they obtained, excepting, perhaps, a stroll on pleasant Sunday mornings in the rural suburbs) was a model, if a miniature one.

I would like to take the reader, who has followed me thus far, into this little home, [illegible] large [illegible] though [illegible] its two [illegible] occupants and their [illegible] a peep into its [illegible].

There were four rooms on the floor. A front room with an alcove across the hall was for the bed, was the couple's chamber, which, by closing the curtains of the bed [illegible] shutting it from view, could be converted into an annex for the parlor, which was the middle room. The rear room was a dining room, with the [illegible] kitchen [illegible] room attached. A [illegible] came [illegible] the cleaning and cooking that was not done by [illegible] Betsy herself [illegible] every morning, and [illegible] in her own home not far away. There was nothing particularly new about the furniture, but it had all been brought here from the old country some five and thirty years ago when they came over [illegible] engagement [illegible] in New York, and [illegible] was old fashioned but was well preserved [illegible]. There was the huge four poster bedstead [illegible] [illegible] upright [illegible]

In the other [illegible] in the way of [illegible] plaques [illegible] decoration [illegible] not [illegible].

The pictures [illegible] were the most interesting features of the rooms. Everywhere on the walls of the three rooms were pictures, some in the plain black frames of a past generation, some simply tacked on the wall by thumb tacks, [illegible] were [illegible] prints, some lithographs, some daguerreotypes, some photographs, but all were of actors and actresses, in costume or in plain clothes, groups in plays and scenes in plays.

The combination with the [illegible] furniture, [illegible] displayed on the brass bound sideboard in the dining room and those valuable antiques, John and Betsy's, this collection of professional portraits and scenes was peculiarly interesting. Of course in the collection were numerous portraits of John and Betsy from the period of their youth, and through their varied careers to the last, a year before, in the latest styles. John pointed with pride to a portrait of himself in his twenty-fifth year as the dashing hero in "Wild Oats." Near by was Betsy in her twentieth year as Juliet.

John, who was carefully arrayed in his best cloth suit for the occasion, used to declare that "actors, being vagrants on the statute book as they be, they should only associate with themselves," and few were privileged to see the couple in their home with its pictures and furniture outside of the profession, unless it might be a newspaper critic or a dramatic author who he declared "were in the swim" with him.

John, whose years and patriarchal ways caused him to be generally called by those in the theaters and his familiars "Pop," was always at home with his wife on Sunday evenings, and he and she always expected their friends to call on them at least twice during the regular season. Betsy gave the ladies tea and thin slices of buttered bread in the front room, while John dispensed whisky and Old Tom in the dining room with pipes and tobacco.

As usual in professional gatherings, the talk was all of the theater on these occasions, either reminiscent of the halcyon days of the past or of the new pieces to be produced during the season, if there were not newcomers who wished to be shown the pictures and have their histories explained, which [illegible] could [illegible] as well as John, who [illegible] preferred to [illegible] turning the bottle [illegible] sure that no one was not supplied. Betsy [illegible] that John was afraid they would take a drink without him [illegible] was the reason why he would not leave the bottles, and as the departure of the visitors about midnight generally left him considerably muddled, there was probably truth in her assertion. Let it not be thought, however, for one moment that John was given to tippling, for he seldom drank excepting on these occasions, and never while on duty. He held that an actor who went on under the influence of liquor should be treated the same as an officer who disgraced his uniform under the same circumstances. John and Betsy came to the theater together in the morning to attend the rehearsal, and went home together after it [illegible] and then finally came to the theater together [illegible] the evening and returned home together for supper, and he would remain at home in the afternoon and read or write plays or study, unless required to return to the theater to superintend the stage carpenter and scene artist in preparing for the next [illegible]. Betsy used to declare that John's [illegible] would have led him astray if it had not been for her [illegible] him, and the old couple contrived to be never separated for more than a few hours at a stretch. A pretty picture of [illegible] and contentment [illegible] drawing [illegible]! Well, it is from life, but it is true as well as that which follows. What, but how about "An Actor's Christmas?" Wait and see, or rather read on, my good friend. Christmas is coming.

Yes, Christmas is coming, and a special bill is ordered to be got ready for the matinee that day. The sensational melodrama was proving such a popular attraction that there was no necessity to make any change in the night bill, but the manager thought there ought to be a special bill for the matinee to please the ladies and children. The manager was a white paper manufacturer, and knew very little about theaters or their management, but he liked the business and proved himself to be a good financial manager, and with John's advice and assistance he did not make many mistakes, or bother himself about affairs behind the curtain.

When the change of bill was ordered John decided the play should be something appropriate to the occasion, and he adapted [illegible] the story of the prodigal's return on the [illegible] of the holidays in my making [illegible] his play, "The Christmas Tree," and introducing one which the [illegible] speculative manager filled with presents bought in job lots at auction and presented to the children in the audience. John did not let the manager know that the play was original with him, or the other would have objected to the experiment of its production, and as lots of cheap presents was consumed on the occasion in question, there never was a second performance of "The Christmas Tree," so that the manager does not know to this day that the work was original with modest John Downs. John frequently permitted himself to indulge in dramatic composition, the dramatizing of emotional stories that he and his wife had read together or to one another, and he frequently produced them, but none ever achieved the success he anticipated, and so he never acknowledged them. This clandestine authorship and ambition was an amiable weakness of John's, but a carefully preserved secret between himself and his wife.

In these plays John always wrote the leading or strong parts for himself or his wife, the part rather than the play is the thing in an actor's estimation.

In "The Christmas Tree," which was in [illegible] act, John and Betsy [illegible] a prosperous [illegible] old couple surrounded by their children and grandchildren [illegible] only needed the return of the prodigal [illegible] to fill the [illegible] of their happiness [illegible] to display their [illegible] abilities.

This character was his own, a good natured, jolly old gentleman who was never happier than when seated by his fireside surrounded by his little ones, with the baby on his knee, while his good wife, seated opposite, had the next youngest on her lap. I need not add that Betsy's character also suited her, and that she was a companion picture to her husband in the domestic scene of the play.

As may be imagined, the baby was to play an important part in the piece, although it was not expected to utter a word [illegible] and down itself [illegible] dandled by the gleeful John [illegible] under the [illegible] and all [illegible] play.

The baby was to be supplied by the wife of [illegible] of the company, and if the truth were known John decided to put up [illegible] more for the pleasure he anticipated deriving from fooling with the infantile specimen of humanity than to gratify his professional ambition. He would not only have the baby on the occasion of the performance, but at the rehearsal, and it was a great joy to him, for the baby that had just been born in the wings towards the close of the previous season had been reared in the green room, and from the first manifested a marked preference for him, going to his extended arms sooner than to any one else's, after which, it is needless to say, pleased him very much.

Betsy shared John's fondness for children [illegible] into the eyes of both of them when [illegible] the two [illegible] would converse about their [illegible] one lying [illegible]

Betsy's Christmas [illegible] of course the [illegible] Monday.

John and Betsy had managed their usual Sunday night reception, and on leaving the theater Saturday evening all the people [illegible] the stage hands had promised "Pop" they would call on him with the next evening.

The last rehearsal on Friday morning for the matinee Saturday proved, one that evening, had been satisfactory—so much so that [illegible] and stage carpenter were all ready, that it was not considered necessary to have a final one Sunday, and all the little colony employed in the theater, and comprising John and Betsy's little world, retired in blissful anticipation of the morrow, of a jolly Sunday evening and of a successful production on Monday afternoon.

I would like to record that all these blissful anticipations were realized, but truth compels me to state that the sudden illness of the baby next morning threw the little colony

The baby had caught cold, either in the draughty region behind the scenes or in being transported home at midnight, and the next morning developed a severe case of croup.

John was the first in attendance. Betsy passed the day with the mother and father, until the afternoon the doctor pronounced the baby out of danger. Of course it was decided at once the baby could not be introduced in the play, and during the afternoon John in vain looked for a substitute, but one of the right age could not be found.

"Oh, don't worry now," said Betsy, "don't worry about this. To-morrow morning I'll make a good search, and I'll be bound I'll find a nice little baby for you."

"All right, wife, all right, wife," John replied, as he busied himself with his share of the preparations for the evening, the replenishing of the bottles and of the tobacco box, while Betsy cut and buttered the bread and assorted the [illegible] cakes, an extra provision on this holiday occasion.

They tried to be cheerful, and so did all who came to see them, but they continually thought of the little sick one and the distressed father and mother, and none of them ever better acted their respective parts, for all felt sad and disturbed.

"Ah, by a great blessing [illegible]," said John, "if our little ones had lived [illegible] they would all be grown up now. [illegible] the crown [illegible] would have been [illegible]."

Then the glasses were filled and there was a dismal attempt at jollity. Then John and his companions joined the ladies in the front room, and for a while were amused by the [illegible] of the young girls in the company.

A message from the baby's mother telling of improvement and wishing the compliments of the season was very exhilarating, and John mixed a bowl of punch for the ladies, which the gentlemen [illegible] all strengthened [illegible] sent them to [illegible].

"Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the party standing [illegible] together with uplifted [illegible] clinking glasses [illegible] loudly. "Auld Lang Syne" again before parting [illegible] without exactly knowing why, Betsy began to weep copiously, and John, with big tears rolling down his cheeks, tried to cheer her up by his usual remark, "All's well that ends well."

"Oh, but how different everything might be," sobbed Betsy.

The door bell jingled.

John glanced around the room, saying, "Somebody's left something," but not observing any forgotten articles of wearing apparel he rose and walked to the door, while Betsy controlled her emotions and dried her eyes.

"Never mind the light," said John, groping the way down stairs. "The open door gives sufficient light."

Betsy walked out into the hall and looked over the banisters, just discerning his form in the hall by aid of the light from the street, admitted by the glass over the door.

John opened the door; no one was to be seen, but a bundle was on the upper step.

"A Christmas box!" exclaimed Betsy. "What is it?" she asked, as she saw her husband pick up the bundle.

"The Lord only knows," answered John, closing the door and coming up stairs.

As he got into the light of the half open door he could see a movement of the covering of the bundle, and exclaimed, "It's alive, whatever it is."

"Oh, give it to me," exclaimed Betsy, taking the bundle from him and rushing into the room, closely followed by him.

With eager but firm hands Betsy removed the outer coverings of the mysterious bundle, bunglingly assisted by John, and what do you think they found?

A baby!

A rosy faced, chubby little blue eyed, brown haired baby of about a year old.

Baby had been sleeping, but disturbed by them woke up and glanced about the strange place in momentary bewilderment, and then, resting its blue eyes on John, put out its little arms in a silent appeal to be taken up by him.

John tenderly lifted the infant from its wrappings and hugged it to his broad breast.

"What does it all mean?" he inquired as he saw his wife [illegible] a note in the wrap[illegible].

"We'll see," said Betsy, tearing open the blank envelope.

On a half sheet in pencil by an unskilled feminine hand was written the following words:

"John and Betsy Downs: You want a baby. Here is one you may have. She is honestly born, but her widowed mother is unable to support her and give her to you as a Christmas gift. May God bless her and you."

"We'll keep her, won't we?" inquired John joyfully.

"Indeed we will," exclaimed Betsy, taking the baby from him and rapturously kissing it.

The cloth and wraps were very coarse, but [illegible], and both declared that in all their experience they had never seen a more robust and healthy looking baby.

Baby [illegible] soon made herself perfectly at home, and after a hastily improvised sugar rag fell asleep in John's arms, after gleefully pulling his hair, while Betsy dexterously converted a work basket into a cradle.

My humble pen cannot adequately describe the joy that filled the hearts of John and Betsy, who, it is needless to say, at once without discussion adopted the waif as their own.

"If she had been a boy," said John, "we would have named him after [illegible] is she Betsy, your name, wife."

"Yes, and [illegible] Betsy [illegible]"

Somehow, probably [illegible] in which [illegible] with [illegible] death and [illegible] staring [illegible] news of the mystery was around soon [illegible] the theater, and [illegible] every [illegible] called to express their surprise and offer their congratulations.

Baby was so self possessed that [illegible] that the property man, with the pride of [illegible] introduced into the new [illegible] the afternoon.

[illegible] matinee [illegible] joy [illegible] "The Christmas Tree."

That night [illegible] presents [illegible] members of the company, while in his [illegible] arms [illegible]

[illegible] the incidents of [illegible] baby [illegible] that Christmas night [illegible] and Betsy [illegible]

[illegible]

She is pretty, quiet and [illegible], [illegible] by John and Betsy, [illegible] stories of "An Actor's Christmas" [illegible] telling [illegible] their Betsy [illegible] never having known any other parents.

A CHRISTMAS DREAM

[illegible]

I dream of a time when the world shall be
Restored to its ancient purity
When another Eden serene and blest
In the light of eternal day shall rest
When its pastures green and its waters still
Mountain and valley and river and hill
Its gentle glades and its meadows broad
Shall gleam again in the smile of God

I dream of a time when the wrong shall fall
And the right and the good reign over all
When the gentle word and the kindly deed
Shall come like balm to the hearts that bleed
When the leper shall wait at the pool no more
Nor Lazarus starve at the rich man's door
But man shall be true to his fellow man
And the Levite become the Samaritan

I dream of a time when the slave's sad cry
Shall change to an anthem of liberty
When into his sorrowful life shall come
The bliss at the new millenium
When light shall illume his desolate prison
And the slumber be broke and the sleeper arisen
And all through the ages his jubilant song
Ring out the glad triumph of right over wrong

I dream of a time when the turmoil of creeds
Shall cease and give place to beneficent deeds
When men strive their duty no more to fulfill
In speaking the name but in doing the will
When hatred shall vanish and calumny end
And man find in man but a brother and friend
When heart shall with heart in [illegible] sympathy
meet
And all bow in love at the Nazarine's feet

Thank God that the starlight of Bethlehem
Still shines through the mist of humanity's dream
That all through the ages the angels again
Announce the glad tidings of peace unto men
Thank God for the mercy encompassing all
For the love watching even the sparrows that fall
And the promise that sounds as it ever has stood
That the earth shall be filled with the glory of God

A NEW LINCOLN STORY

The Result of a Constitutional Argument With Secretary Salmon P. Chase

[illegible] North American Review [illegible] Mr Lincoln [illegible] constitutionality [illegible] [illegible] newspaper [illegible] [illegible] knocked [illegible] the Virginia [illegible] with [illegible] The [illegible] length [illegible] stopped the water was pumped out and the vessel got safely into port. When [illegible] for repairs the state of the Virginia [illegible] was found stuck [illegible] in the [illegible]

"I don't see, Mr President, the [illegible] of your story," said Mr Chase.

"Why, Chase, I [illegible] that the Virginia [illegible] that I [illegible] the constitution [illegible] [illegible] constitution [illegible] union [illegible] will violate the [illegible] necessity to save the union [illegible] that our constitution [illegible] through [illegible] this row. Now what I want to know is whether constitution [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

THE SCHOOL READER SAWMILL

Chicago Inter Ocean

"Papa, I know [illegible] about the sawmill now," and the little girl as she took [illegible] father's knee [illegible] Even on the [illegible] the sawmill information the father questioned the little scholar, and in answer he went to the drawer and brought her book. Here was the sawmill, the most distorted [illegible] [illegible] a sawmill [illegible] screw [illegible] slide and on the water [illegible] to pour over the [illegible] the logs [illegible] resting.

"Why don't they go over, papa?"

"You would have to ask the artist [illegible]"

"Are [illegible] saws large?"

"Some of them are very large."

"But [illegible] that men pull them up into the mill with ropes. I thought they were little."

"And [illegible] It said that men with strong ropes dragged the logs into the mill."

It almost invariably produces a pang, real or imaginary, to dash an orthodox idol from a child's hand, but the father rose to the emergency. "Tear that leaf out, darling, and throw it into the grate. That's right. If your teacher asks you to-morrow where the leaf is, tell her that the sawmill story was [illegible] and papa wanted you to burn it. Next summer we will go over to Michigan and see a sawmill and how they get logs into it."

Readers of the [illegible] who have children using Appleton's second reader should, as a matter of curiosity, turn over the fifty odd pages of the reader until they find the sawmill picture and article above referred to. This reader is well known, published by one of the largest educational publishing houses, in use in our public schools, and on the title page are printed the names of three gentlemen as editors. After two of the names the degree letters A. M. appear, and after the third LL. D. follows. We are told that one of these gentlemen is superintendent of schools in St. Louis, another is superintendent of instructions in Cleveland, and still another is an instructor in Yale college.

The article on the sawmill as prepared by one and possibly all of these gentlemen is a bright and shining example of the [illegible] assumption that at times crops out in so called high educational circles—and our children are the sufferers.

The Greatest Walk

Known was the walk to the head of the contestants for public favor by the "Hanan" shoe. To be as good as the average contents some, but to lead far in the van the procession of shoemakers only satisfied "Hanan" & Son. Eggert, Young & Co special agents for Portland.

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CHRISTMAS TREASURES

From [illegible] tree [illegible] the [illegible]
The [illegible] toy that baby knew
A little coat faded [illegible]
A [illegible] lock of golden hair

Two years ago this Christmas eve
My little one, my all [illegible]
Sat robed in white upon my knee
And heard the merry Christmas chime

Tell me, my little golden head,
If Santa Claus should come to-night
What shall he bring my baby bright
What treasure for my boy? I said

And then he named the little toy
While in his honest mirthful eyes
There came a look of sweet surprise
That spoke his quiet trustful joy

And as he lisped his evening prayer
He asked the boon with childish grace
Then toddling to the chimney place
He hung his little stocking there

That night as lengthening shadows crept
I saw the white winged angels come
With heavenly music to our home
And kiss my darling as he slept

They must have heard his baby prayer
[illegible] with smiling face
[illegible] the chimney place
And found the little treasure there

They came again one Christmas eve
The angel host so fair and white
And [illegible] Christmas night
They bore my darling from my side

A little [illegible] a little toy
A [illegible] lock of golden hair
[illegible]
[illegible] my baby boy

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
My [illegible]

THE GOLDEN BELL.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

By [illegible]

December was certainly a strange time of year in which to move from one house to another. But the doctor's orders were imperative. It was absolutely necessary that my wife, who had long been battling with a serious illness, should enjoy the advantages of a climate somewhat warmer than that of New York, and yet not so far south as to be enervating. Dr Andrews suggested a quiet spot in a secluded valley where the surrounding hills would shut out the bleak winter wind, and thus enable Minnie to regain her lost strength. The doctor, as it happened, knew a place exactly suited to our requirements. It had been the home of his own boyhood, and late in the autumn he and I visited it to see if we could find an unoccupied dwelling of which to take immediate possession.

On inquiry, fortune again favored us. A large edifice, firmly built of gray stone, was at that time vacant. It was situated beyond the confines of the village, low down in a deep hollow, and attached to it was a spacious park. The real estate agent to whom we addressed ourselves informed us that the present owner of the estate was traveling in the East, and would be only too glad to secure a reliable tenant for a few months. Dr Andrews was perfectly familiar with the establishment. Its former proprietor, a man named Mayhew, had been a personal friend of his. We inspected the house together, and finding it admirably adapted to my taste, I rented it at once. Not being willing to go there, however, without proper medical attendance for my wife, and having ascertained that no physician of note resided in the neighborhood, I requested Dr Andrews to accompany us to our new abode and remain there at any rate until after the holidays. To this he readily consented, and a few days before Christmas we and our servants were comfortably installed in the stone house.

On the second floor was a lofty apartment stiffly paneled in oak, intersected with heavy moldings. We had selected this particular room for a cosy sanctum, in which to read and converse. It moreover communicated with my wife's bed chamber, and the doctor and I, as we sat beside the fire in the evening, could be on hand in case the invalid required attention.

We were seated thus on Christmas eve. The door leading to Minnie's apartment was ajar, and we could hear at intervals the monotonous tones of Lucy, the maid, who was reading aloud to her mistress. Andrews and I smoked and chatted, as was our custom. The day had been inclement, predicting, we feared, a storm for the morrow.

For a short space the doctor and I had gazed into the fire without speaking. Presently he said deliberately:

"Of course you know that old Mayhew was murdered, or supposed to be?"

"You mean the uncle of the present owner of this place? No, I have heard nothing of the kind."

"Well, it happened several years ago—one of those mysterious incidents that seem destined never to come to light—mysterious crimes I might say, for although there was no actual evidence forthcoming to show that Mayhew was the victim of foul play, his unaccountable disappearance naturally hinted at murder. He was a man of the most regular habits and was living here alone at the time. On a certain day he ate his dinner as usual, came upstairs to this very room and was never seen again alive or dead. One of the servants, a chambermaid passing through the hall late in the evening, thought she heard a noise here. But she was unable to describe what sort of noise it was or whence it may have proceeded. The old man had a nephew to whom the property, after the death of Mrs Mayhew, had been willed. Suspicion attached itself to the young fellow and he was arrested. He proved an alibi, but in spite of it public opinion has always been against him. I myself thoroughly believed him to be his uncle's murderer."

The doctor leaned forward to poke the fire.

"I hope," I said with pretended anxiety, "you are not going to inform me that this house is haunted."

"No," replied the doctor smiling, "not to my knowledge, at any rate."

"I should like nothing better than to commune with ghosts," I resumed. "But if you value your peace of mind, Andrews, I advise you to say nothing to Minnie of what you have just told me."

Hardly had these words escaped me when the ringing of a bell in the room startled us. There was something so weird and uncanny in the sound that the doctor and I regarded each other in trembling amazement. The fact that we could see the bell shaking and tinkling, high up in a corner of the oaken wainscot, did not add to our composure. It was a bell of the ordinary shape, hung on a thick wire and gleaming in the semi obscurity with an iridescent golden hue. I had often noticed it before, and had even remarked to the doctor that it was a queer sort of a bell and in an odd place. He said it had been put there by old Mr Mayhew for the convenience of his wife, who had died several months before his disappearance. She had occupied the room now occupied by Minnie, and our present sitting room had belonged to her maid.

When I had recovered partly from my astonishment of hearing the bell jingle, my first impulse was to advance to my wife's door and look in. She was lying on a couch beneath the chandelier with Lucy at her side. Both were glancing toward me as I entered.

"What bell was that, Charles, and who rang it?" asked Minnie.

"That is what I came to find out," I answered, "since it was the bell in the next room and can only be rung from here."

"But neither Lucy nor I rang it," said my wife perplexed.

"Yet the handle of the bell is here, Mrs Leavitt," remarked the doctor, who had followed close behind me. "Listen."

He advanced to the wall and pulled the handle vigorously. Instantly we heard the clear tones of the golden bell, but this time the peal was more forcible and resounding, and being also the unmistakable effect of a natural cause, did not alarm us. No sooner, however, did the doctor move away from the wall than the eerie, faint chimes were wafted in anew from the sitting room. This grotesque and enigmatical performance made Minnie turn pale, while the maid, letting her book fall, clasped her hands in dismay.

Greatly bewildered, the doctor and I returned to the other room, and, omitting a couple of chimes, we undertook to examine the object of our disturbance. There were, if it is necessary to explain, two doors in the apartment, one, as previously described, leading into my wife's room; the second was connected with the hall. A partition formed a right angle between the points of communication, and close to the ceiling in the corner hung the golden bell. It did not appear to be made of ordinary bell metal, but of another substance washed with a chemical solution that gave it a peculiar, incandescent yellow hue. From the dark oaken panel it shone like the gigantic eye of an evil beast, and I confess that when I heard it ring for the second time of its own accord I was overcome by a decided feeling of nervousness, which I noticed the doctor shared. My wife and Lucy were thoroughly frightened. They recovered themselves to some extent on my calling to mind well-known instances where mysterious ringings have been occasioned by rats within walls scampering over bell wires. This idea would have instantly presented itself to my mind as an elucidation of the phenomena just manifested, were it not—and I hope the confession will not lower me in anyone's estimation—that my always exuberant fancy had been excited to an unusual degree by the doctor's history of the supposed murder. Somehow I could not help associating the ringing of the bell with the inexplicable disappearance of Mr Mayhew. I offer no apology for this, nor do I attempt to explain it. I simply state it as a fact.

When Minnie was finally reassured and I had watched by her until she fell asleep for the night, the doctor and I resumed our seats in front of the fire. I suggested that a stiff night cap might perhaps be appropriate, not only as a means of inducing Christmas reflections and sentiments, but also as a calming influence for our overstrained nerves. I made a bowl of strong punch, and while we drank and smoked the conversation turned upon topics in which the supernatural played the chief part. I had for many years been a close and interested student of what we termed occult sciences. I had even experienced personally wonderful results from experiments in mind reading, animal magnetism and kindred subjects. But while I fully admitted the possibility of the interposition of unknown agencies in numerous cases affording incredible revelations, I was by no means prepared to acknowledge that aught outside of natural forces had ever been definitely proven.

"For example," I said to the doctor, "it has been frequently recorded that dead persons have made extraordinary disclosures to the living. Yet if there were any positive mode of intercourse between ourselves and the unseen, how remarkable it is that the perpetrators of crimes are not unmasked every day by their hapless victims. How comparatively easy, in fact, would it be for old Mayhew, taking it for granted he was murdered, to betray the wretch who killed him. And indeed such a contingency does not appear to me extravagant. A mind considered as a force cannot be destroyed, no matter what becomes of the body. I only marvel that we have not yet advanced sufficiently in understanding of these matters to establish lasting proof that hitherto merely suspected psychic influences positively exist."

"Do you live in expectation of seeing courts of justice and detective bureaus abolished?" asked the doctor laughing.

"Hardly that," I answered. "But we have much yet to learn. What can be more incomprehensible or bizarre than the phenomena exhibited by a magnetic needle? And how superior in power should be the human intellect."

"Very true," said the doctor reflectively, after he had taken another sip of the punch. "I quite agree with you, Leavitt, as to the advantages we would derive from a nearer acquaintance with some mysteries. And as to old Mayhew, if he can make himself heard in any way it is his duty to do so, and he could not possibly have a better opportunity than the present. Here's to his health, and my best wishes for his success."

The doctor raised his glass to his lips, and at that moment the bell gave forth a series of resonant tones that caused Andrews and I to stare blankly at each other.

"I am sure that is significant enough," I exclaimed, smiling at the doctor's expression, for, like him, I was somewhat exhilarated by copious potations from the punch bowl. "Come, suppose we spend the remainder of our Christmas eve exploring the mystery of the golden bell: what do you say?"

"With all my heart. But we may disturb Mrs Leavitt, and it is important that she should rest."

"I don't think we shall make much noise, and if we do she probably will not hear it." I gently opened the bed room door. Minnie was still sleeping soundly. "That dose of bromide you gave her is doing its work beautifully," I added.

"But what on earth are you plotting, Leavitt?" inquired the doctor, knocking the ashes from the end of his cigar.

"I mean to see what is behind that panel," I answered, tapping the wainscot adjoining the hall entrance. "The bellwire must be there to begin with, and the woodwork does not appear to be very securely fastened."

The doctor approached and gazed fixedly at the panel.

"By George," he said, "I do believe it's one of those celebrated sliding affairs that we occasionally read about in antique novels. At any rate, since you are bent upon an investigation, let us remove the nails and see."

"Yes," I assented. "I am going to have that panel off at once."

I went hastily down stairs to the kitchen, where the servants were enjoying a Christmas jollification of their own, and having procured a hammer and a screw driver, I returned to the sitting room.

"Ever since you have been gone," the doctor was grumbling as I entered, "this infernal bell has been dancing and jingling over my head as if the devil himself were at the handle. I declare, Leavitt, I am getting interested in the thing myself. It's just possible," he continued, "that in nailing the panel on the molding something caught the wire, and that in consequence any vibration in the room causes the ringing. There it goes again."

And so indeed it was going—capering about in its somber corner, reverberating in a light, airy tinkle, then in deep toned solemn notes like a funeral knell, and finally in a harsh jingle so diabolical in sound that every drop of blood in my body grew cold. Surely no merely accidental or ordinary reason was at the root of this unearthly clangor. More than ever was I impressed with the notion of a hidden potency that had in view some marvellous result.

"You'd better go ahead, Leavitt," said the doctor, "and then perhaps the devilish thing will stop."

I set myself diligently to work to remove the nails, and with some degree of excitement, which naturally increased when I found the doctor was right in his supposition regarding the panel. Clearly there was a deep cavity of some kind behind that particular portion of the woodwork. As I drew out the last nail, the golden bell increased its impish performance to such an extent that had not Andrews stood near, holding a lamp and speaking in a facetious strain which, though evidently forced, was not without its effect, I think my nerves would hardly have allowed me to proceed in the operation. The nail being out, I pushed the stiff unyielding panel, and after several ineffectual efforts to move it, it glided upwards.

A blast of stifling air, impregnated with a particularly sickening odor, emanated from the interior of the wall. I felt Andrews's breath upon my cheek in a quick, short gasp. So confused was I by the strangeness of my discovery and the never ending ringing of the bell, that for a moment my eyes saw nothing whatever except impenetrable blackness. But frequently it seemed to me that half-concealed before us stood an indistinct, shadowy figure. I fancied I perceived the irregular outlines of a human foot, and then a hand, long, bony, talon shaped. The perspiration broke out in great beads on my forehead. I turned silently and regarded the doctor. His face was white and eager; his eyes were distended. I observed that the lamp so shook in his grasp that the rays of light failed to penetrate the inky gloom of the hollow space. But suddenly raising his arm, the quivering reflection shone full upon the spot left vacant by the sliding panel.

"For God's sake, Leavitt," cried the doctor, "go on, and do not stop until—"

His voice, loud in the beginning, died away in an inaudible whisper. He was even more agitated than I.

Meanwhile the vibrations of the bell, its fantastic echoing, its mad, demoniac dancing above our heads had entirely ceased. It hung motionless as if held by an invisible clasp. It dawned upon me gradually that we were verging upon an appalling discovery. My imagination was, I thought, roused to the highest possible pitch. Yet notwithstanding this—in spite of the fact that I was in a measure prepared for what the cavity might contain—when it was fully revealed to me, illumined by the lamplight's spectral brilliance, I started back, trembling, shrinking, utterly unmanned by the sight that greeted me.

To describe it accurately would make a picture too revolting to pass within the regulations demanded by fiction. And it being my purpose to present these facts in the guise of romance, I will confine myself to a few details only. Standing upright in the cavity was a naked, crumbling skeleton, so inconceivably loathsome in appearance that to my dying day I shall hold the recollection of it undimmed in memory. Its grinning jaws confronted us derisively, and one fleshless hand clutched something—what I could not immediately tell. The doctor, peering into the frightful hole, thrust the lamp as far up as he was able, and simultaneously with the action the golden bell began to sway back and forth in its murky corner, slowly at first and then more rapidly, until we were almost deafened by the clamor. It must have been precisely midnight at that instant, for mingling with the hoarse dissonance came sweet, silvery, joyful chimes from the village church announcing the dawning of the Feast of the Nativity. Incapable of speech, I stood rooted to the floor, my hands cold and clammy, my brain on fire.

I was roused by the doctor's voice.

"Leavitt," he said in an awe-struck tone, "we have brought a crime to light. Can this, indeed," he added mournfully, "be all that remains of Mayhew—this indescribable horror walled up by his assassin?"

"The bell! The bell! Do hear it!" I almost shrieked. "In God's name what makes it ring so?"

"Look!" rejoined the doctor. Again he cast the rays of the lamp high up within the opening, and to my unspeakable consternation, I saw that the skeleton's upraised hand was tightly twisted about a wire. The wire of the golden bell. Even now, as I looked spellbound, enthralled, a slight tremor [illegible] the air in the room, seemed [illegible] ghastly frame of bones [illegible] ably resolve into dust, while the bell rang louder and more wildly. [illegible] screamed, moaned, shrieked, [illegible] the despairing cry of a demon.

"Come, Leavitt!" said the doctor [illegible] as he wiped his brow. "Don't [illegible] you were ready to faint."

Just then a sudden noise behind [illegible] both to wheel sharply around and [illegible] terrified glance of my wife, who was [illegible] motionless and pale on the threshold of [illegible] pointing with one outstretched [illegible] open panel.

"Minnie! You here!" I cried. [illegible] your bed, my darling?" I darted [illegible] side to lead her into her chamber, [illegible] reached the door she tried to speak, [illegible] and fell forward in a swoon.

"Now you have done it! I hope you are satisfied," growled the doctor, who was [illegible] the quiet, collected, professional [illegible] ing up a poor sick woman with [illegible] racket and that satanic bell." He [illegible] at the bell and said, "Leavitt, [illegible]"

I did not remind him that I was [illegible] responsible for the bell's actions. [illegible] much excited to collect my [illegible] left Andrews to attend to Minnie while I [illegible] ened my search. As I neared the [illegible] something white that lay in the [illegible] attracted my attention. It was a [illegible] handkerchief, blood-stained and [illegible] written upon it in one corner. I [illegible] an odd sensation as I recognized [illegible] that of old Mr. Mayhew's nephew.

The whole thing became clear at once. The young man must have effected an entrance [illegible] the house, without the knowledge of the inmates, on the day or evening of the [illegible] had surprised the old man, quarreled [illegible] perhaps, and killed him; or the crime [illegible] have been committed in cold blood for the purpose of securing the property. The [illegible] aware of the existence of the cavity behind the sliding panel, which he afterwards learned had been used by the old man as [illegible] secret receptacle for his [illegible] and legal documents, had [illegible] victim and nailed the molding securely [illegible] woodwork. But in his haste and [illegible] of discovery while engaged upon his [illegible] task, he dropped his handkerchief and [illegible] and had allowed one hand of the [illegible] come entangled in the bell-wire. This [illegible] was the doctor's, although I hesitate [illegible] it. Granting that the hand did [illegible] the wire of the golden bell, to what [illegible] was the extraordinary ringing to be [illegible] for? I put this question to Andrews [illegible] plied that he believed currents of air [illegible] the interior of the hole in some way had [illegible] the skeleton hand, making the wire [illegible].

I must not forget to state that Mayhew's nephew, who had gone abroad [illegible] of the damaging evidence he had left [illegible], was eventually, through the unremitting endeavors of Andrews and myself, brought to justice and convicted of the crime of murder in the first degree.

Regarding the actual reason of the [illegible] phenomena we witnessed on that memorable Christmas eve, I, who have made such [illegible] the study of my life, do not hesitate to [illegible] my conviction that the ringing of the bell proceeded from Mayhew himself, who, from the realm of shadows, cried out for vengeance on his murderer.

Proof? Alas, that of course is lacking. But for us, who are not materialists in the [illegible] acceptance of the word, many things [illegible] of being demonstrated are, nevertheless, [illegible] and felt intuitively to be true. For my [illegible] shall always be of the opinion that [illegible] unhappy spirit, seeking to make itself [illegible] understood, succeeded finally [illegible] through the instrumentality of the golden bell.

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A POTATO TERCENTENARY.

A tercentenary celebration of the discovery of that useful esculent, the potato, opened in London on the 1st of the present month. The reasons for fixing upon that date is not mentioned. The potato plant is a native of Peru or Chile. The Encyclopedia Britannica says it is first mentioned in the "Cronica de Peru," by Pedro Cieca, published in Seville in 1553, under the name of "battata," or "papa." It was first introduced into Spain, and passed from that country to Italy, and thence to Belgium. Some authors claim that it was first introduced in England, awarding that honor to Sir John Hawkins, in 1562. Still another account alleges that potato tubers were first brought from North Carolina and Virginia to Ireland in 1586 or 158[illegible], and were cultivated on Sir Walter Raleigh's estate, near Cork. The anniversary at London may have been fixed with reference to this event, for the potato achieved its greatest hold in Ireland. One of the objects of this celebration is to study the general subject of potatoes, with a view to determining whether, by some system of cross-breeding, varieties may not be produced which will resist the potato disease. An exhibition of all obtainable varieties is made, together with a collection of ancient books and engravings bearing on the subject. Among the books is a well-preserved copy of Gerard's "Herball," of 1597, in which the potato is described under the name of "Batata Virginiana."

It is curious to remember that the potato, which now forms such an important food staple in both Europe and America, was only known to the civilized world about [illegible] years ago, and only came into general use at a far more recent period. In many countries of Europe, and especially in parts of Germany, in Switzerland and Belgium, it is depended upon by the poorer classes almost as much as in Ireland.

A very graphic account of its introduction into Alsace, as late as 1789—which, if not strictly in accordance with historic truth, is good enough to be true—is given in one of the stories of Erckmann-Chatrian, "The History of a Peasant." It describes how one Jean Leroux, landlord of The Three Pigeons, and blacksmith in the village of the Barracks, near Phalsbourg, a hot-headed, original sort of man, obtained a sack of what he called "Hanover peelings"—[illegible] potatoes obtained from Hanover—with the purpose of planting them as an experiment. He displayed the contents of his sack one evening to the village gossips assembled at his inn, and told them that when planted these peelings grow and produce a great quantity of excellent roots, and that their cultivation, if generally adopted, would assure the people food through the whole year.

His visitors examined the contents of the sack, smelt of them, and joked him upon his delusion. The village priest said the peelings came from the heretics, and it would not be expecting that the Lord would bless their planting. "Believe me," said the priest, "you have not too much ground for your cabbages, beets and turnips. Throw away these peelings, they will yield you nothing, nothing! It is I, Father Benedict, who say it." But Leroux planted a small field with the peelings, amidst the derision of his neighbors. Then came a period of trial. For a long time they did not sprout. Those who passed by the field winked and made jokes at the expense of the owner. His nephew, a lad whom he had adopted and who tells the story, was joked on the subject by the other boys, and in consequence was involved in innumerable fights. "One may imagine," he writes, "how I longed to see the roots sprout up and our enemies confounded. Every morning, at break of day, I was leaning on the wall of the field to see if anything appeared above ground, and when I saw nothing I went away downcast, and mentally reproaching Father Benedict for having put a curse on our field. If I could have had him hanged, [illegible] would not have waited long, for my wrath against him was terrible." Finally, one morning early in June, his visit was rewarded with the sight of little tufts of dark green leaves pushing above the soil where the peelings had been planted. From that day there was great joy in the Leroux family, and the [illegible] growth of these plants, and the [illegible] harvest in the autumn, the confusion of the [illegible], and the triumph of the landlord of the Three Pigeons, makes a charming story.

"Every summer," says the writer, "when I look from my window over the immense plain of [illegible] Dilmeringen, and see it covered as far as the eye can reach with green tufts that [illegible] and change in some sort the soil into food for the people; when I see in autumn those thousands of sacks [illegible] in the fields, the men, the women and children who sing and rejoice as they load them in their carts; when I consider the happiness of the peasants, even to the occupants of the most miserable hovels, in comparison with the misery that used to seize us before '89, long prior to the month of December, because we [illegible] when I think of this difference, [illegible] and the laughter of the [illegible] memory, and I say to myself: '[illegible] Jean Leroux, why can you not [illegible] for one [illegible] during the harvest to see the good you have done in the world! And Father Benedict should return also to hear the blessing and the laughter of the peasants who [illegible] him with his donkey begging along the hill side.'"

IF YOUR THROAT FEELS [illegible] UNCOMFORTABLE, use promptly Dr. [illegible] PECTORANT. It will relieve the [illegible] all phlegm or mucus, [illegible] give the affected parts a chance to [illegible] remedy can be had for all coughs [illegible] any complaint of the throat [illegible] trial will prove its efficacy.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, Dec. 24

Overland receipts include car bob sleds, 100 bxs prunes [illegible] 1200 cs coal oil [illegible] syrup [illegible] kegs 45 cs [illegible] 3 cs cigars [illegible] whisky 1 piano [illegible] 100 [illegible] safes [illegible] bundles 3 cs hats [illegible] dry goods 12 [illegible] 10 organs [illegible] paper 43 [illegible] 15 bls [illegible] 10 sks hair [illegible] kegs nails [illegible] scales [illegible] Str Columbia for San Francisco 21st inst carries [illegible] W Hume 2 [illegible] cases salmon as follows [illegible] Occident 25 [illegible] Coleman [illegible] [illegible] stencil 259 A W [illegible] Chill at [illegible] Berry [illegible] 400

Business in [illegible] of the wholesale lines to-day [illegible] outside trade was [illegible] was active [illegible] demands were heavy [illegible] while city [illegible] holiday business. The produce [illegible] did an excellent [illegible] no material value changes. To-morrow markets show [illegible] all freight [illegible] be closed and wholesale [illegible] business suspended until Monday. No telegraphic market advices will be received.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS—Last 24 hours: [illegible] 120 ctls oats, 610 ctls [illegible] wheat [illegible] sks potatoes, 30 sks bran [illegible] ctls [illegible] butter, 110 cs eggs [illegible] onions [illegible] 93 sheep, 46 cattle [illegible] fruit [illegible] eastern section, 12,500 ctls [illegible] hogs [illegible] 14,600 lbs hides, [illegible] wheat [illegible] cattle [illegible]

FREIGHTS [illegible] The freight market [illegible] decrease [illegible] late sailings [illegible] is low [illegible]

WHEAT—To-day foreign advices quote cargoes [illegible] one-third higher. While trade is dull the market [illegible] firm with a good tone. Locally there is no change to report.

OATS—Of to-day's receipts one car is for shipment. Buyers [illegible] for good to choice at [illegible] for extra choice.

POULTRY—Large supply and good demand, values being irregular.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Government bonds dull and firm. The stock market to-day in consequence of to-morrow being Christmas was extremely dull and without special features. The opening was weak [illegible] per cent, the latter [illegible] final prices [illegible] some other slight [illegible] New England [illegible] in which Louisville & Nashville [illegible] in early trading [illegible] rally which followed was [illegible] the leader [illegible] reached the [illegible] led by Jersey Central [illegible] highest prices of the day, after which the market dropped into a dull and listless state in which [illegible] fluctuations were measured by very small fractions, and in no case did they possess any significance. The market finally closed as it had been throughout the day, extremely dull and steady. Very little was done in mining stocks.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call easy [illegible] closing 3 asked. Prime mercantile paper [illegible] Sterling exchange dull, steady at $4 8[illegible] for 60 days, $4 8[illegible] demand.

[illegible]		4½s (coupon)	110[illegible]
[illegible]		Pacific 6s	125 [illegible]
[illegible] (coupon)			
American Express	10[illegible]	Northwestern	11[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	N. Y. Central	11[illegible]
Canada Southern	[illegible]	Oregon Navigation	10[illegible]
Central Pacific	[illegible]	Transcontinental	3[illegible]
Burlington	[illegible]	Improvement	40
Lackawanna	[illegible]	Pacific Mail	[illegible]
Denv & Rio Grande	[illegible]	Panama	[illegible]
Erie	[illegible]	Rock Island	12[illegible]
Kansas & Texas	[illegible]	St. Paul	[illegible]
Lake Shore	[illegible]	Texas Pacific	[illegible]
Louisville & Nashville	[illegible]	Union Pacific	60
Michigan Central	[illegible]	U. S. Express	[illegible]
Northern Pacific		Fargo Express	123
N. P. Preferred	[illegible]	Western Union	[illegible]

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCKS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Stocks generally weaker and dull. The tendency appears steadily downward [illegible] California & Virginia opened at $1 [illegible] a drop of a dollar and [illegible] down to $1 [illegible] and closed at $8 [illegible] Belcher was steady at about [illegible]

Con. Cal. & Va. [illegible] Savage [illegible]; Best & Belcher [illegible]; Sierra Nevada [illegible]; Gould & Curry [illegible]; Hale & Norcross [illegible]; N. B. Isle [illegible]; Yellow Jacket [illegible]; Mexican [illegible]; Peerless [illegible]; Bullion; Ophir [illegible]

MONEY MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Consols 100 1-16. Bank of England rate of interest [illegible] per cent. Silver bullion per ounce [illegible]

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Silver bullion per ounce [illegible] Sterling exchange long $4 80, short $4 [illegible] U. S. bonds [illegible] 4½s 110 [illegible]

SAN FRANCISCO [illegible] Transfers [illegible] Sterling exchange 60 days $4 [illegible], documentary $4 [illegible]

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Weather thick [illegible] Receipts—Wheat [illegible] ctls, flour 4500 qr sks, barley 2800 ctls, potatoes 4100 sks [illegible] Chartered—Spot for Liverpool, Am ship [illegible] WHEAT [illegible] offer [illegible] holders asking higher prices [illegible] Options [illegible] buyer [illegible] Barley—Spot market firm [illegible] Oats—Good [illegible] moderate [illegible] Oregon $1 [illegible] Potatoes—Steady [illegible] Onions—Firm [illegible] Apples—Firm for choice at $1@1 50. Salmon—Dull. Millstuffs—Quiet. Wool—Inactive. Hops—Declining tendency.

CHICAGO MARKETS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wheat opened [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] March [illegible] May. At noon [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] May. Closed [illegible] December [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] March [illegible] May. Pork $11 [illegible] January, lard $6 [illegible] January [illegible] short ribs $[illegible] cash.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 2000, strong and active; shipping steers 950 to 1500 lbs $3 [illegible] stockers and feeders $2 [illegible] Texas cattle, $2 [illegible] Hogs—Receipts [illegible] strong for heavy [illegible] rough and mixed $3 [illegible] packing and shipping $4 [illegible] light $3 [illegible] Sheep—Receipts 1000, unchanged; natives $[illegible] western $[illegible] Texans $1 [illegible] lambs $4@5 [illegible]

NEW YORK MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wheat steady; opened [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] March [illegible] May. At noon [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] May. Closed [illegible] December [illegible] January [illegible] February [illegible] March [illegible] May.

WOOL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA [illegible] Wool weak and [illegible] prices unchanged.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Wool firm with a good demand. Michigan [illegible] Montana [illegible] medium [illegible] unchanged.

NEW YORK [illegible] Wool [illegible] steady [illegible] Texas [illegible]

NEW YORK [illegible] closed at [illegible]

NEW YORK [illegible]

Foreign Markets

[illegible]

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Weather [illegible] Cargoes on passage [illegible] nearly due [illegible] shipment [illegible] and February [illegible] shipment [illegible] prompt shipment [illegible] Mark Lane [illegible]

LIVERPOOL [illegible] strong [illegible] higher [illegible] California [illegible] Michigan [illegible] Flour [illegible] bakers [illegible]

PARIS, Dec. [illegible] wheat and flour [illegible]

LONDON [illegible] The Mark Lane Express [illegible] which was [illegible] regular [illegible] its weekly review [illegible] the British grain trade says: The wheat [illegible] was limited [illegible] steady [illegible] wheat was [illegible] American [illegible] plies [illegible] eastern [illegible] Europe [illegible] the market [illegible] business [illegible] the tone [illegible] Corn, barley, beans [illegible] were steady.

LIVERPOOL [illegible] MARKET

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Wheat steady, demand fair [illegible] moderately [illegible] Corn [illegible] steady, demand poor.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

DOMESTIC PORTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Arrived—Ship [illegible] from [illegible] Seattle; [illegible] Port Madison [illegible] San Juan [illegible] Coos bay [illegible] Arago [illegible] Puget sound [illegible] Nanaimo [illegible] Port Townsend [illegible]

ASTORIA, Dec. 24.—[illegible] Abeona left [illegible] morning [illegible]

Each Has a Labor Problem

New York Evening Post

Every human being who is not born to a fortune has a labor problem of his own to solve, and the time will probably never come when a very large number of men will not keep trying to make somebody else solve it for them. The greatest need of our age seems to be the [illegible] ing down of each man to his own labor problem. Every man should try to help his neighbor to bear his burdens, but every neighbor should refrain from trying to unload on him.

The pains and aches of rheumatism have in [illegible] instances been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

…en bell. Even now, as I looked fascinated, …ralled, a slight motion, caused perhaps by …air in the room, seemed to run through the …stly frame of bones that a touch would prob… resolve into dust, while the bell rang …der and more wildly. Rang? Nay, …amed, moaned, shrieked, blasphemed like …despairing cry of a demon.

…Come, Leavitt!" said the doctor brusquely, …e wiped his brow, "don't stand there as if …were ready to faint."

…ust then a sudden noise behind us caused us …to wheel sharply around and meet the ter…d glance of my wife, who was standing mo…less and pale on the threshold of her room, …ting with one outstretched finger to the …n panel.

…Minnie! You here!" I cried. "Go back to …r bed, my darling!" I darted forward to her …to lead her into her chamber, but as I …bed the door she tried to speak, staggered, …fell forward in a swoon.

…Now you have done it! I hope you are sat…d," growled the doctor, who was once more …quiet, collected, professional man. "Wak…up a poor sick woman with your cursed …ket and that satanic bell." He shook his fist …he bell and said, "Leavitt, you're a brute." …did not remind him that I was in no way …onsible for the bell's actions. Still too …h excited to collect my scattered senses, I …Andrews to attend to Minnie while I pur…d my search. As I neared the cavity again …ething white that lay in the bottom of it …acted my attention. It was a fine linen …dkerchief, blood-stained and with a name …ten upon it in one corner. I experienced …dd sensation as I recognized the name as …f old Mr. Mayhew's nephew.

…he whole thing became clear at once. The …ng man must have effected an entrance to …house, without the knowledge of the in…es, on the day or evening of the murder. He …surprised the old man, quarreled with him, …haps, and killed him; or the crime may …e been committed in cold blood for the pur…e of securing the property. The villain, …re of the existence of the cavity behind the …ing panel, which he afterwards learned had …n used by the old man as a …et receptacle for his papers …legal documents, had nailed up his …im and nailed the molding securely to the …dwork. But in his haste and probably fear …discovery while engaged upon his horrible …, he dropped his handkerchief into the hole, …had allowed one hand of the corpse to be…e entangled in the bell-wire. This last idea …s the doctor's, although I hesitate to accept …Granting that the hand did attach itself to …wire of the golden bell, in what manner …s the extraordinary ringing to be accounted …? I put this question to Andrews, who re…d that he believed currents of air traversed …interior of the hole in some way and shook …skeleton hand, making the wire vibrate.

…must not forget to state that Mayhew's …hew, who had gone abroad little dreaming …the damaging evidence he had left behind, …s eventually, through the unremitting en…vors of Andrews and myself, brought to …ire and convicted of the crime of murder in …first degree.

…egarding the actual reason of the strange …nomena we witnessed on that memorable …istmas eve, I, who have made such subjects …study of my life, do not hesitate to express …conviction that the ringing of the bell pro…ded from Mayhew himself, who, from the …m of shadows, cried out for vengeance on …murderer.

…roof? Alas, that of course is lacking. But …s, who are not materialists in the scientific …eptance of the word, many things incapable …being demonstrated are, nevertheless, known …felt intuitively to be true. For my part I …ll always be of the opinion that Mayhew's …appy spirit, seeking to make itself heard and …erstood, succeeded finally in so doing …ough the instrumentality of the golden bell.

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A POTATO TERCENTENARY.

…tercentenary celebration of the discovery of …t useful esculent, the potato, opened in Lon… on the 1st of the present month. The rea…s for fixing upon that date is not mentioned. …potato plant is a native of Peru or Chile. …Encyclopedia Britannica says it is first …tioned in the "Cronica de Peru," by Pedro …n, published in Seville in 1553, under the …e of "battata," or "papa." It was first …oduced into Spain, and passed from that …ntry to Italy, and thence to Belgium. Some …hors claim that it was first introduced in …land, awarding that honor to Sir John …kins, in 1562. Still another account alleges …potato tubers were first brought from North …olina and Virginia to Ireland in 1585 or 1586, …were cultivated on Sir Walter Raleigh's …le, near Cork. The anniversary at London …have been fixed with reference to this …t, for the potato achieved its greatest fame …reland. One of the objects of this celebra… is to study the general subject of potatoes, …a view to determining whether, by some …em of cross-breeding, varieties may not be …duced which will resist the potato disease. …exhibition of all obtainable varieties is made …ether with a collection of ancient books, maps …engravings bearing on the subject. Among …books is a well-preserved copy of Gerald's …erball," of 1597, in which the potato is de…ed under the name of "Batata Virginiana." …is curious to remember that the potato, …ch now forms such an important food staple …both Europe and America, was only first …wn to the civilized world about 300 years …, and only came into general use at a far …e recent period. In many countries of …ope, and especially in parts of Germany, in …tzerland and Belgium, it is depended upon by …poorer classes almost as much as in Ireland. …very graphic account of its introduction into …ce, as late as 1780—which, if not strictly in …rdance with historic truth, is good enough …e true—is given in one of the stories of Erk…n-Chatrian, "The History of a Peasant." It …ribes how one Jean Leroux, landlord of …"Three Pigeons, and blacksmith in the vil… of the Barracks, near Phalsburg, a hard…ded, original sort of man, obtained a sack of …t he called "Hanover peelings"—cuttings of …toes obtained from Hanover—with the pur… of planting them as an experiment. He …layed the contents of his sack one evening …e village gossips assembled at his inn, and …them that when planted these peelings …w and produce a great quantity of excellent …e, and that their cultivation, if generally …ted, would assure the people food through …whole year.

…ts visitors examined the contents of the sack, …t of them, and joked him upon his delusion. …village priest said the peelings came from …eretics, and it would not be expected that …Lord would bless their planting. "Believe …" said the priest, "you have not too much …ed for your cabbages, beets and turnips. …w away these peelings, they will yield you …ing, nothing! It is I, Father Benedict, who …it." But Leroux planted a small field with …peelings, amidst the derision of his neigh…. Then came a period of trial. For a long …they did not sprout. Those who passed by …old winked and made jokes at the expense …e owner. His nephew, a lad whom he had …pted, and who tells the story, was jeered on …subject by the other boys, and in conse…nce was involved in innumerable fights. …e may imagine," he writes, "how I longed …e the roots sprout up and our enemies con…ed. Every morning, at break of day, I was …ing on the wall of the field to see if anything …ared above ground, and when I saw nothing …nt away downcast, and mentally reproach…Father Benedict for having put a curse upon …field. If I could have had him burned, he …ld not have waited long, for my wrath …ist him was terrible." Finally, one morn…early in June, his visit was rewarded with …sight of little tufts of dark green leaves …ing above the soil where the peelings had …planted. From that day there was great …in the Leroux family, and the wonderful …th of these plants, and the tremendous …st in the autumn, the confusion of the …rice, and the triumph of the landlord of the …e Pigeons, makes a charming story. "When I look …ry summer," says the writer, "when I look …my window over the immense plain of …eringen, and see it covered as far as the …can reach with green tufts that grow and …from and change in some sort the dust itself …food for the people; when I see in the …n these thousands of stacks standing up …e fields, the men, the women and the chil…, rejoicing as they load them on …wheelbarrow and rejoice as they load them on …carts, when I consider the happiness of …easants, even to the occupants of the most …able hovels, in comparison with the fear …e to seize us before '89, long prior to the …of December, because we foresaw famine; …I think of this difference, those jeerings, …the laughter of the imbeciles recurs to my …, and I say to myself: "O! master Jean, …why can you not live again for an …, why can you not live again to see the good you …during the harvest to see the good you …done in the world! And Father Benedict …I would like to hear the blessing and the …ter of the peasants when they should see …with his donkey begging along the road."

…YOUR THROAT FEELS SORE OR UNCOM…TABLE, use promptly DR. D. JAYNE'S EX…ORANT. It will relieve the air-passages of …hlegm or mucus, allay inflammation, and so …the affected parts a chance to heal. No safer …dy can be had for all Coughs and Colds, or …complaint of the Throat or Lungs, and a trial …will prove its efficacy.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY, Dec. 24.

…receipts include car bob sleds, 100 bxs …, 300 kegs glucose, 1200 cs coal oil, … goods, 7 cs maple syrup, 6 kegs 45 cs …sugar, 96 cs fish, 4 cs cigars, 3 cs cigar… tobacco, 5 bbls whisky, 1 piano, 6 …goods, 2 safes, 24 bxs handles, 3 cs hats, …goods, 10 organs, 5 cs 2 bls dry goods, 12 …jackets, 10 comforts, 14 rls roofing paper, 43 …hs comforts, 14 rls roofing paper, 43 …. 15 bls comforts, 2 cs clocks, 10 sks hair.

…sails, 20 cs scales, 2 cs clocks, 10 sks hair. …Columbia for San Francisco 21st inst. carried …salmon as follows: G. W. Hume 2,0… …Washington 300, Occident 257, Coleman's …, Chilliat 319. F. Boyd stencil 239. A. W. … and Tillamook 1800.

…of the wholesale lines to-day …in some of the wholesale lines to-day … in others dull. Outside trade was …active, while city demands were heavy. Retailers …excellent holiday business. The produce …show no material value changes. To-mor… freight depots will be closed and wholesale …suspended until Monday. No telegraphic …advices will be received.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS—Past 24 hours: 13659 …, 1700 bbls flour, 1120 ctls oats, 610 ctls …, 2 ctls millstuff, 273 sks potatoes, 30 sks …, 2395 lbs hides, 12 cs butter, 110 cs eggs, 2357 …, 165 pkgs dried do, 283 sheep, 48 cattle, 47 …. Also, from the eastern section, 12,500 ctls …, 88 bbls flour, 1150 lbs wool, 14,600 lbs hides, … 5 cs eggs.

FREIGHTS—The outward bound fleet is mate… increased by late sailings. The freight mar…is inactive.

WHEAT—To-day's foreign advices quote cargoes …held higher. While trade is dull the markets … with a good tone. Locally there is no …to report.

…Of to-day's receipts one car is for ship… Buyers quote 43@44c for good to choice and …extra choice.

POULTRY—Large supply and good demand …being irregular.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Government bonds dull. The stock market to-day, in conse…ence of to-morrow being Christmas, was ex…ly dull and without special features. The …was weak, declines from last evening's …prices ranging up to ¾ per cent., the latter in …. There were some other slight de… in early trading, in which Louisville & Nash…was the leader. The rally which followed was … Jersey Central, which quickly reached the …prices of the day, after which the market …into a dull and listless state, in which …tions were measured by very small frac…, and in no case did they posses any signifi…. The market finally closed as it had been …the day, extremely dull and steady. …little was done in mining stocks.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call, easy, 3@6, …3 asked. Prime mercantile paper, 4@5. …exchange, dull; steady at $4 87½ for 60 …, $4 89½ demand.

BONDS.

[illegible]	100¾	4½s (coupon)	110⅜
…(coupon)	128⅞	Pacific 6s	125⅛

STOCKS.

…Express	107½	Northwestern	113⅜
…Pacific	66¾	N. Y. Central	112½
…Southern	63⅝	Oregon Navigation	107
…Pacific	42	Transcontinental	31½
[illegible]	136½	Improvement	40
[illegible]	133⅝	Pacific Mail	48
…& Rio Grande	32	Panama	50
[illegible]	33⅛	Rock Island	125¾
…& Texas	31¾	St. Paul	89⅝
[illegible]	94	Texas Pacific	21½
…& Nashville	43⅛	Union Pacific	60¼
…Central	93½	U. S. Express	61
…Pacific 30	27	Fargo Express	120
…Preferred	69	Western Union	68¾

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCKS REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Stocks generally …and dull. The tendency appears steadily …ward. Consolidated California & Virginia …at $16 62½, a drop of a dollar, and soft …to $16 50. Ophir opened at $10 25 and closed …$9 75. Best & Belcher was steady at about …$7 25.

…Cal. & Va.	16 50	Savage	6 00
…& Belcher	7 12	Potosi	7 25
…Nevada	4 10	Chollar	4 50
…& Curry	3 70	Union	3 30
…& Norcross	3 30	Utah	5 50
[illegible]	2 50	Alta	3 50
…Jacket	5 50	Benton	90
[illegible]	4 20	Bodie	2 00
[illegible]	00	Andes	1 05
[illegible]	2 15	Peer	25
[illegible]	9 50		

MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Consols, 100 1-16. Bank of England rate of interest, 5 per cent. Silver bullion, …

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Silver bullion, per ounce, …. Sterling exchange, long, $4 80; short, $4 84. U. S. bonds: 3s, 100½; 4s, 126½; 4½s, 110⅜.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Transfers, 25. …exchange, 60 days, $4 79½; do documen…, $4 78½.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Weather thick, calm. Receipts—Wheat, 10,000 ctls; flour, 4500 qr sks; …, 1500 ctls; potatoes, 4100 sks.

Chartered—Spot for Liverpool: Am ship Eliza…, 1743 tons, at 25s, by Wm. Dresbach.

WHEAT—Very firm; offerings light; holders are …higher prices; No. 1 shipping, $1 50@1 52½. … very active and higher; buyer season, $1 51½; buyer year, $1 49½@1 49¾.

BARLEY—Spot market firm but quiet; No. 1 feed, $1 05¾; buyer season, $1 06½; seller the ….

OATS—Good undertone to the market; demand …; receipts small; Oregon, $1 25@1 37½.

POTATOES—Steady; Garnet Chile and Burbanks …@1 40; Peerless $1 10@1 25.

ONIONS—Firm; $1 20@1 45.

APPLES—Firm for choice at $1@1 50.

BUTTER—Dull.

[illegible]—Quiet.

[illegible]—Inactive.

[illegible]—Declining tendency.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wheat opened 77¼c January, … February, 79¾c March, 85½ May. At noon, … January, 78¾c February, 79¾c March, 85½c …. Closed 77¼c December, 77¾c January, 78¾c …, 79¾c March, 85¾c May.

PORK—$11 40 January; lard, $6 27½ January; ribs, … January; short ribs, $6 cash.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; strong …; shipping steers, 950 to 1500 lbs, $3 30@…; stockers and feeders, $2 30@3 60; mixed, …; bulk, $2 30@2 70; Texas cattle, $2 20@….

HOGS—Receipts, 20,000; strong for heavy, light …; rough and mixed, $3 75@4 25; packing and shipping, $4 20@4 50; light, $3 60@4 20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1000; unchanged; natives, $2 50 …; western, $2 50@3 50; Texans, $1 90@3 05; …, $3 25.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wheat, steady; opened … January, 92½c February, 93⅝c March, 96⅛c …. At noon, 90⅝c January, 92⅛c February, … March, 96⅜c May. Closed, 90c December, … January, 92½c February, 93¾c March, 96¾c ….

WOOL MARKETS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Wool, weak and quiet, …unchanged.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Wool, firm, with a good de…; Michigan X, 32c; choice Montana, 25@26c; …Wyoming, 23@25c; fine do, 20@23c; others unchanged.

WOOL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wool quiet; generally steady; domestic fleece, 30@36c; pulled, 14@36c; Texas, 10@23.

PETROLEUM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Petroleum steady; United …at 66⅞.

HOPS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Hops, quiet.

Foreign Markets.

BEERBOHM.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Weather some rain. Cargoes …passage and for shipment, California cargoes …, 37s 6d; prompt shipment, 38s, January …and February sold 38s 3d. Red winter, prompt …, 35s. No. 2 spring, prompt shipment, …. English and French country markets, firm. Mark Lane—Wheat, firmer; flour firm.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Spot wheat, strong and …. Cental quotations: California No. 1, 7s 8d; California No. 2, 7s 5d; Red winter, 7s 5½d; White Michigan, 7s 6d; No. 2 spring, 7s 5½d. Flour—First …Minnesota, per 280 lbs, 23s 6d.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Spot wheat and flour, firm.

MARK LANE REVIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The *Mark Lane Express*, which was issued to-day, instead of Monday, the regular day of publication, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: The wheat trade …is unchanged, but prices were steady. Foreign wheat was quiet. The increase of American sup…tends to depress the market, but the dis…turbed condition of affairs in the eastern part of Europe counteracts this influence and strengthens the market. There is a good prospect of increased business with the New Year. At to-day's market …values of wheat was firm. Flour was 6d dearer. …, barley, beans and peas were steady.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Wheat, steady, demand …; holders off moderately. Corn, quiet and steady, demand poor.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Arrived—Ship Thos. …, Liverpool; bk Templar, Seattle; schr …, Nanaimo; Br bk Charles Cotesworth, Liver…; bk Arcturus, Port Hadlock; schr Gotama, …bay. Sailed—Str San Juan, Panama; strs …and Arcata, Coos bay; str G. W. Elder, …sound; str Carrolton, Nanaimo; schr Alice, …Townsend.

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…and aches of rheumatism have in many …been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

EAST PORTLAND LETTER LIST.*

Letters remaining in the postoffice, East Port…land, December 24, 1886:

WOMEN'S LIST.

Burnham, Carrie
Bergen, Mrs Cornelius
Churchill, Mrs E J
Coffman, Mrs C
Cumming, Mrs W A
Dickson, Mrs
Davis, Mrs Alma
Eastman, Mrs N P
Guild, Mrs Rachel
Hunt, Miss Ora D
Hyland, Mrs
Hunter, Mrs B S
Hazleton, Miss Hattie
Jones, Miss Minnie
Jones, Mrs Carrie
Jenkins, Miss Maggie
Kesterson, Mrs Mary A
King, Mrs
Lyman, Mrs V P
Murphy, Mrs Martha
Mackie, Mrs R
McCormack, Miss Annie
McCormack, Miss E
McKire, Mrs Eliza G
McIntosh, Frances
McGowan, Mamie
McMillen, Sarah
Nickels, Martha J
Peters, Mrs W
Patterson, Mrs W H
Reed, Mrs C M
Rodgers, Mrs Alice D
Reid, Mrs Mary
Rorus, Mrs Mary
Rushlight, Mrs E
Scott, Miss Edna
Smith, Mrs B R
Stroder, Mrs P J
Stowe, Eliza
Spencer, Miss Mattie
Short, Miss Lizzie
Smith, Mrs Deli
Smyth, Mrs Allie
Shunway, Minnie
Warren, Laura B
Wills, Miss Grace
Winslow, Mrs A V
Wilkes, Miss Annie
Wickersham, Miss Jas

MEN'S LIST.

Brown, J W
Baldwin, P W
Bauer, H
Burns, Daniel
Bob, Rufus
Buckley, John
Bonnet, J F
Campbel, Al
Carlock, H
Campbell, Tom
Carl, Mr
Callahan, Capt
Charleston, W J
Chase, C
Corneby, Jacob
Deverney, M
Devernay, Jas
Dale, Wm
Danke, M
Fitzgerald, Zack
Graves, E
Gill, Ephraim
Holmes, B K
Hyde, Wm
Holston, Frank
Hosford, W E
Huntington, O C
Haugh, John
Heartly, Edgar
Herrington, Jos
Halverson, Mr
Halverson, A B
Hamilton, Jas
Harter, Wm J
Hawkins, Geo
Hawes, G M
Jones, Wm
Jenkins, P J
Jenkins, Frank
Jamerson, Wm
Kaughman, N
Kuhn, Robert
Kirk, E L
King, J
Killduff, Mr
Lions, Geo
Lindgreo, D
Mooney, Capt J
Miller, Geo
May, G W
Madison, J L
McMahon, M J
McDonald, Sam
Niedenthal, C
Nelson, Robert
Nelson, Chris
Olson, John
Opitz, Osmyan
Pomeroy, O
Reese, C W
Ravanaugh, A
Rhodes, Frank
Roberts, Billy
Ross, Geo
Rodgers, B B
Schields, Thos
Stevens, Chas M
Stevens, J W
Strite, J F
Schoult, F F
Slauson, A B
Sorenson & Peterson
Scott, J N
Schaeffer, Mr
Schwank, Tom
Shields, C G
Spielman, Thos
Vanderson, F
Vanderhoff, F
Wilson, Wm
Wheeler, Morris
Wise, W A
Whitson, Mr
White, Wm
Wetrick, Jos
Widerman, F M
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Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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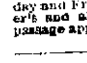

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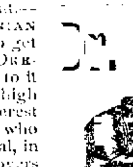

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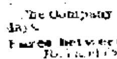

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THE EAST SIDE

Christmas Eve Festivals—Mysterious Disappearance of a Woman—Masonic Installation.

At an early hour last night the people began pouring into Neppach's hall to attend the entertainment and Christmas tree service of the M. E. church Sunday school. The hall had been tastefully decorated and two trees upon either side of the platform set in position. These were bending under the weight of the Christmas tokens that friends and parents had brought. The distribution of the presents was preceded by a short programme of choice music and literary selections, each of which was successfully given. Rev I. D Driver made an excellent address, characterized by good sense and brevity. It was unfortunate that the singers had to stand back of the trees, as the fine effect of the music was diminished. Presents were then distributed, and as the evening closed happiness was apparent upon the faces of those present.

R. A. M. INSTALLATION

The installation of officers of Washington chapter No 18, Royal Arch Masons, took place at their hall in East Portland, on Thursday evening, the 23d inst. The following are the officers installed M E H P, S R. Harrington; E K, A. K Colburn E. S., Philip Flood captain of H., T. H Brickell P S A. Hoyt R A C, P Grady Mast. 3d V, A. B Bloomer, Mast. 2d V, C. O Blakely Mast. 1st V, A. J Hoyt treas., John E. Boynton sec., G. H. Fox sentinel, M Stoker. The installation ceremonies were performed by Past H P S Bullock, assisted by G A. Stanton, who acted as master of ceremonies. After the installation, short and interesting speeches were made by S Bullock, the retiring high priest, S. R. Harrington, the new incumbent of the office, and other companions and a very social evening was spent. Mr S Bullock has been high priest for a number of years and new he occupies the high position of past high priest. The confidence thus reposed in him must be gratifying to him

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Mrs. Ida C Garrard wife of Isaac Garrard, living on Columbia slough, came into East Portland December 22 to buy presents for her four children. As she did not come back that night Mr. Garrard came into town Thursday morning, and, though he made diligent search and inquiry, he could not find out where she was. He continued his search on Friday, but at 1 30 P. M. had been unable to obtain any information. She has relatives in California, but as she had but $7 when she came into East Portland it is not probable that she has gone to them. Mr Garrard is engaged in the sawmill business on Columbia slough, and is said to be an industrious, respected man. He has been directed to police authorities in Portland, and it is likely they will find her if she is over the river. She was dressed in red, wore a black jacket, and a black knit cap trimmed with red and black tassels. She was 20 years of age, of medium hight, with full round face jet black hair and brown eyes.

ST DAVID'S

As the audience came into this church last night admiration and wonder were manifest over the unique and beautiful decorations and more especially did the pyramid of presents attract general attention, being out of the usual line. Singing of Christmas carols by the children was followed up by a pointed and vigorous address from the rector. Then the presents were distributed, and Christmas eve festivals ended for another twelve months. There will be services to-day at 10 30, at which time the holy communion will be administered

BOUND OVER.

R. McKlusky waived examination yesterday morning in the recorder's court, and was bound over in the sum of $200 to await the action of the grand jury. He was charged with having stolen a coat and a pair of pants from the saloon on the northeast corner of Water and L streets, belonging to Wm. Lewis.

LEAVE YOUR ORDERS

THE OREGONIAN will issue an immense edition on New Year's day, containing a review of the industries of the Northwest and a vast amount of statistical matter. Give your orders to Mr C. N Rankin. It is just the paper to send East to your friends.

IN STEPHENS ADDITION

The children of the Evangelical church assembled at their church last night, and were made happy with presents. There was a fair attendance, and everybody enjoyed themselves

MIZPAH CHAPEL

To-night the entertainment and Christmas exercises will be held. The programme has already been printed. No doubt the evening will prove very enjoyable to the young people

NOTES.

Mrs. Kirkwood made a generous donation to the work of the relief committee of the W C. T. U

The child of John Stephens, who was injured so badly at Mt. Tabor the other day will get well

It was reported yesterday that the grand jury had ignored the case of E. O Doud. Inquiry at the courthouse yesterday elicited the information that the grand jury had adjourned until next Wednesday, and that, while the case had been up, no action had been taken

BRIEF MENTION

Merry Christmas

McAllen & McDonnell's is closed to-day

A lady pianist at the Club skating rink to-night.

The Christmas bill at the Tivoli is calculated to be just what will please.

James Page and Ed Flannigan each got sixty days in the county jail for larceny

Merrill's Club skating rink is open afternoons and evenings. Music in attendance

The popular "Boccaccio" at the New Market this afternoon, where handsome souvenirs will be given away

Mrs. Jennie Ramsey, daughter of Dr A. J Nicklin of this city, died suddenly yesterday at Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mr. Wm. Beck was presented with a handsome gold headed cane by his clerks last night just before the close of business.

Fred Merrill is thinking of changing the name of his Club skating rink to that of Niagara parlor rink, so people will rush to see the falls.

John Shatten, a sailor, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Justice Bushwiler on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon

It was recommended that readers smoke a number of Key West brands of cigars to-day after their turkey dinner, among which the Il Tasso is chief

F. Norton and Geo Harris, who broke into Kraemer's store in Albina, waived examination in the police court yesterday and were committed to the county jail

N E. Turner, of Vancouver working in the Lucas mills, got his hand caught between the head-block on the carriage and a cant of a log and his thumb was badly crushed

Turkeys alive in huge coops, turkeys dead in boxes and barrels and hanging in long rows and strung on the limbs of trees, turkeys coming and going by wagon loads and train loads

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday for Robert Work and Helen Crane, D. C. Powell and Ida Ames, M M Flynn and Sarah McCullough and J W Warren and Mary A. Dean.

Christmas will be celebrated by services at the Unitarian church Sunday morning at 11, with three carols sung by the children of the church and other appropriate exercises and sermon

Swedish meeting will be held in Congregational church, corner of Fourteenth and E streets, at 11 this morning and 3 to-morrow afternoon, by Hjalmar Anderson evangelist

The Christmas matinee at the Casino will be a Japanesque affair in every particular. Every child will receive one of the funny little bald headed Japs, and "Mikado" will be given on the stage.

To-morrow morning Rev F. W Caswell will preach a Christmas sermon to the Sunday school. At 7:30 P. M a Christmas entertainment will be given, consisting of songs, readings, recitations and a brief address

R. Scott, of Milwaukee owns a cow the product of which, in six years, children and grandchildren amounts to sixteen heifers and one bull. The next generation will stock an Eastern Oregon cattle range

Yesterday morning one of Hallman's [illegible] wagons came tearing down First street, the team having been scared. The pole of the runaway team struck a street car horse in the shoulder, crippling him

At the corner of First and Market streets is a weeping willow. The leaves have fallen from a great part of the tree, but the side of the tree next the electric light is still thickly covered with leaves, which are quite green and fresh-looking

Yesterday Charles H Carter filed his report to Judge Stearns in the case of Lilienthal and others against V Caravita, the liquor merchant who failed. His finding was that the claim of Fannie A. Holder was fraudulent and the judgment void.

The hens of Oregon have evidently been scanning the market report and noticed that eggs have been getting away up toward half a dollar a dozen. So they have determined on a united effort, and the result has been that eggs have come down to 22½ cents. That is not bad for Christmas, and egg-nog should be plenty to-day

Rumor hath it that the Postal Telegraph company want a subsidy to bring their line down here. If that enterprising company wants to come here Astoria will give them a generous patronage, but if their line doesn't reach here until it is induced this way by subsidy, it will be a long time coming. Astorians built one line of telegraph down here.—Astorian.

SCHOOL BOARD.

A called meeting of the board of school directors was held at the clerk's office at 3 P M, all members present, P Wasserman in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Miss Carrie Myers was excused for tardiness, and Mrs. E. D Miller for non attendance at last teachers' institute

Miss Jennie Fuller renewed her application for a position as teacher filed

The clerk offered the following as a report of his doings in connection with tax collections

Receipts last year during Nov	$8 0 0
Receipts last year to Dec 24	4 036 6
Total to Dec 24 188	$55 206 6
Receipts this year during Nov	6 142 09
Receipts this year to Dec 4	11 [illegible] 6
	$1 [illegible] 8

Or $[illegible] 83 less collected to date this year than last

A committee of young men from the High school asked permission to organize a militia company under the captaincy of Prof Warren. Their request was granted provided that none but students of the school department be admitted to membership and that no spectator be allowed

A communication was read from F Nyles in explanation of the recent advance in the rate of insurance on the High school building and contents filed

In the matter of assessment of H. L Hoyt, the debt allowed was ordered corrected from $[illegible] to $7000, the error being a clerical one

Mrs Cahalin asked to be allowed an indebtedness against her assessment which she had omitted to claim at the proper time in consequence of sickness in the family: laid on the table

The following claims against the district were ordered paid

Henry Hewett insurance	$ 45 00
F A Andrews insurance	1 00
E Ollendorff & Co insurance	4 00
Portland Water Co	1 10
Postage	5 00
C H Dodd & Co	[illegible]
Street and sidewalk improvement seventh and Harrison sts	184 60
D Cole	[illegible]
Total	$195 10

Geo H Durham, special committee to procure an orator for the graduating exercises, February 4, 1887, reported having secured Rev J F Ellis, of Forest Grove, to address the class

Upon motion the petition of A. Klosterman for correction of assessment was taken from the table, and upon motion ordered corrected, the error being a clerical one, viz. the mortgages were copied from the report of the county clerk to the assessor at full face value, whereas they should have been assessed at one-half value

Prof Crawford asked that a stove be put in his office: referred to Chas H Dodd with power to act after conferring with insurance agents in regard to the propriety of the same.

The "Normal institute" that meets in the Park building Monday next was granted permission to use some of the apparatus in the High school building, in connection with Mrs. McConnell's work on that occasion

Foster & Robertson requested permission to replace the temporary locks on the High school building with the permanent ones ordered through them, and to receive the amount ($[illegible]) proposed to be retained by the board from the original contract, in consequence of the failure of the contractor to put the same on at the proper time: granted. Adjourned

FRAUDULENT USE OF LABELS

An Injunction against Selling Tillamook Salmon under a Columbia River Brand

The case of W T Coleman & Co vs Flavel & Elmore was decided in the U S circuit court yesterday. Coleman & Co brought suit against Flavel & Elmore to enjoin them from using a label on their canned fish, particularly a certain portion of it on which was printed "Wm T Coleman & Co, sole agents, San Francisco, Cal, U S A". In 1881 a corporation was formed at Astoria to take and can fish, called the Union Packing company. This company made a contract with Coleman & Co to advance funds to enable them to carry on their business, and to act as sole agent for the sale of the fish packed by them. In pursuance of this agreement a label was lithographed for their cans, which contained on one end the following "Union Packing company Columbia river salmon," and the figure of a salmon on a platter. In July, 1884, the company made an assignment, and Coleman & Co in the latter part of August made a settlement by which they ceased to be the agents of the company. In this settlement it was stipulated the company might use the labels on hand for the pack of that season. The affairs of the company remained in the hands of the assignee until 1885, when the cannery and material connected therewith were sold to Flavel & Elmore. Included in the "material" was about 100,000 of the labels left from the pack of the previous year. The bill of sale provided that the purchasers should have all the rights of the company to any mark or label. The defendants have this year taken a lot of fall fish at Tillamook and placed on the cans containing them the labels mentioned above and are about to ship them to England

Plaintiffs, who are agents for a large number of canneries on the Columbia river, have shipped their product abroad and established a market for the fish by vouching for the quality of their brand: objected to this and applied for an injunction to prevent this fall fish being marketed under their name

The court held that nobody has any right to use those labels or any part of them without consent of plaintiff, and that the use of them by defendants under the circumstances was a fraud upon the plaintiffs and an attempt to appropriate their trade, and an imposition on the public, and directed that defendants be enjoined.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE SECOND DISTRICT

Following is the programme for a teachers institute for the Second Judicial District, to be held at Eugene on the 29th, 30th and 31st insts

WEDNESDAY DEC 29 2 30 P M

Organization and Methods of Institute Work—Supt. E B McElroy
School Discipline—F E. Orton Lane county
History—B F Mulkey, Lane county
General Discussion—What Motives and Incentives to Study Ought to be Appealed to

EVENING SESSION—30 O CLOCK

Address of Welcome—A C Woodcock State University
Response—Supt D W S Reid Linn county
Address—J Burnham principal of Couch School Portland Oregon
Lecture—Rev M J Rugg Salem

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION 9 O'CLOCK

What Preparation to Make for Recitation—Wm Miller Lane county
Number Work—J Burnham principal Couch School Portland Oregon
General Discussion—Relative value of Discipline and Instruction in the Public Schools
General Discussion—Whispering or No Whispering

AFTERNOON SESSION 1 30 O'CLOCK

Mental Arithmetic—W I Vawter Principal Public Schools Eugene
Reading—Methods of Teaching F F Patterson Eugene City
United States History Methods of Teaching Map Work Etc—Frank Rigler principal Park School Portland
Discussion—Recess or No Recess
Defects in the Common School System Mrs George T Russell Oakland

EVENING SESSION [illegible] O'CLOCK

Recitation
Address J B Horner principal Roseburg public schools
Lecture—Thomas Condon Ph D professor of history geology etc State University

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION [illegible] O'CLOCK

Arithmetic Cancellation—J M Martin Lane county
Essay—Mrs J B Horner Roseburg public schools
Relation of the Public Schools to the State University—A C Woodcock Eugene
Geography Methods of J B Burnham principal Couch School Portland
General Discussion—Physiology and Hygiene Methods of

AFTERNOON SESSION [illegible] O'CLOCK

Transition Methods of J B Horner principal Roseburg public schools
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] Horner [illegible] I V Lonsway principal Albany public schools
Physical Training of Children—Supt George Russell Douglas county
Geography Work continued J Burnham principal Couch School Portland
United States History continued F Rigler principal Park School Portland

EVENING SESSION [illegible] O'CLOCK

Recitation
Address
[illegible]

A COMPLAINT FROM CHENEY

CHENEY, W T Dec 3 1886.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

A box of goods was sent to me from San Francisco on the 23d of September last. I received a card about October 8th saying said box was in Tacoma. I wrote to the agent and told him I had a receipt that called for them in Cheney. They arrived in Cheney Dec. 22, and are ruined. Will this kind of business build up a trade for Tacoma. SUBSCRIBER.

USE OF TRADE MARK

U S Circuit Court District of Oregon

Tuesday December 20 1886

William T Coleman et al v George Flavel et al — No 1302—Suit for injunction

1) TRADE MARK—A trade mark may be constituted of ordinary words, and is used for the purpose of signifying the origin or ownership of the article on which it is used but not its quality

(2) FRAUDULENT COMPETITION—No one is entitled to use the sign label or name of another, whether it constitutes a trade mark or not so as to deceive the public and thereby divert from such other any portion of a trade or business established under and on the faith reposed in such sign label or name

(3) CASE IN JUDGMENT—The plaintiffs being the sole agents for the disposition of the salmon packed by the Union Packing company at Astoria, authorized the latter to place a label on the cans containing its fish showing among other things that the former were the sole agents for the disposition thereof: afterwards and after the termination of such agency the company sold its cannery and material on hand including a lot of those labels to the defendants: *Held* that it had no right to use such labels so far as they represented the plaintiffs to be the agents for the fish in the cans on which they are placed without the consent of the plaintiffs

DEADY, J

This suit was commenced on November 5 1886. It is prosecuted by the plaintiff William T Coleman, F S Johnson, C C Coleman and Richard Delafield citizens of California to have the defendants, George Flavel and Samuel Elmore, citizens of Oregon, enjoined from using a certain label on salmon packed by them or so much of the same as represents that the plaintiffs are the agents for the disposition of such articles

On the filing of the bill an order was made requiring the defendants to show cause why a provisional injunction should not issue, and that the defendants be restrained in the meantime

The matter was subsequently heard on the bill and sundry affidavits produced by the plaintiffs and one by the defendants

The material facts appear to be as follows

That long prior to the year 1881 and ever since, the plaintiffs have been and now are, engaged at San Francisco, under the firm name of "Wm T Coleman & Co," in the business of selling Columbia river canned salmon, as the agents of a large number of persons engaged in packing said salmon: that in the conduct of said business the plaintiffs are accustomed to guarantee the good packing and merchantable quality of said salmon to the purchasers thereof, and to have printed on a label placed thereon the said firm name of "Wm T Coleman & Co," as the sole agents of such brand of canned salmon: that during said time the plaintiffs have disposed of such salmon in all the markets of the world, and at great expense to themselves, in establishing agencies, advertising and by fair and honorable dealing, have introduced into such markets and established there a demand for the brands of salmon represented by them: that what is known as the Columbia river spring salmon, which is taken between April 1 and August 1 of each year, is the most in demand and commands the highest price in the markets: and all salmon taken after that time on said river or at any time elsewhere is inferior in quality and less in demand and commands less price than said spring salmon

On August 1, 1881, a corporation, the Union Packing company, was formed under the laws of Oregon, to engage in canning and packing salmon at Astoria: and soon after entered into a contract with the plaintiffs whereby the latter agreed to make advances to the corporation to enable it to carry on its business and also became its sole agent for the sale of its fish: that thereafter said corporation through the agency of the plaintiffs had lithographed a party-colored label, 13¼ inches long and 4 inches wide, to be placed on the cans of salmon put up by it, which contained the following

In the left hand division, a tree and a salmon, the latter on a dish, as if prepared for the table, and on three sides of it the words, "Union Packing Co Astoria, Oregon. Fresh Columbia River Salmon." In the right hand division, which is only two inches long, the words, "Wm T Coleman & Co, Sole Agents San Francisco, Cal, U S A," with directions in the lower half thereof for opening and serving: which labels were used by said corporation in its business, until the assignment of its property for the benefit of its creditors on July 1, 1884: and that in said year and prior to said assignment said corporation procured 500 000 of said labels to be printed for its use in said business

In August, 1884, a compromise and final settlement was had between the plaintiffs and the company, contained in a written offer by the latter, dated August 9, to deliver the former 5000 cases of salmon, they to repay it certain drawbacks and premiums and a written acceptance thereof by the plaintiffs, dated August 23. The offer of the Packing company contained the following clause: "And said Union Packing Co claim the right to use the labels they now use on all canned salmon they shall have packed in the year 1884."

On December [illegible] 1885 the company and its assignee, by separate deeds, conveyed certain real property in Astoria, presumably the cannery, to the defendants, and on the same day the former made a bill of sale to them of a lot of personal property and material such as usually pertains to a cannery including "100 000 salmon labels, more or less (used by U P Co on salmon canned): also all and singular our right, title and interest in and to corporation's trade mark, box brand and label used in packing salmon."

It is charged in the bill that the defendants, on November 5, 1886, placed at least 1950 cans of salmon, with these labels on the cans in a warehouse at Astoria for export to domestic or foreign ports, as opportunity might offer: and that if the defendants are permitted to export said fish the reputation and value of the brands of salmon represented by the plaintiffs will be much injured and depreciated in the markets of the world, and plaintiffs thereby greatly and irreparably damaged. And it is admitted in the affidavit of the defendant Elmore, that 654 cases of salmon have been labeled by the defendants with copies of the label above described, and stored, for export, as alleged: and it was also admitted on the argument that the fish therein were taken in the Tillamook river and not the Columbia

The defendants contend that the label, as a whole, constitutes a trade mark in which they have the exclusive property, but that the words on the right hand of the label do not constitute such mark: and that if they might, not having been recorded as provided by statute (Or Laws, 659), the plaintiffs cannot claim any right to the exclusive use of them.

Generally, words in common use may be adopted as trade marks, if at the time of their adoption they were not employed to designate the same or like articles. The office of a trade mark is to indicate with certainty the origin or ownership of the article to which it is affixed. Canal Co v Clark, 13 Wall, 322. Brown on Trade Marks s 89, 114.

But the plaintiffs do not and need not claim that the words "Wm T Coleman & Co, Sole Agents, San Francisco, Cal. U S A," constitute a trade mark, or that, abstractly considered, they have any exclusive right to the use of them. Their claim is, that by means of these words, so placed and used, the defendants are guilty of a false and fraudulent representation, to their injury as well as that of the public.

After a careful examination of the subject, and particularly the discussion contained in the interesting work cited by counsel for defendants—Browne, on trade marks—I am satisfied that my impression at the argument is correct. This is not a case of Trade Mark at all, but one of a false use of a label, with intent to injure the plaintiffs as well as the public.

No one ever had or could have the right to use so much of this label as represents that the plaintiffs are the agents for the sale of the fish in the can on which it is placed without the plaintiffs' consent. The right of the Union Packing company to the use of these labels originated in the contract with the plaintiffs, by which the latter were constituted the sole agents for the sale of the fish packed by the former. And when that relation terminated and the accounts between the parties were settled, as appears by the agreement of August [illegible] and [illegible] 1884, the corporation in effect acknowledged that its right to the use of this label ceased, when it stipulated therein for the right to use the same after the cessation of such agency for the pack of that season which was then probably already labeled

By the sale to them on December [illegible] 1885 of the labels on hand the defendants acquired no more right to the use of them than the corporation had. Doubtless they acquired the right of property in the material, and might make any lawful use of them. By cutting off the right hand part relating to the agency of the plaintiffs, they might use the remaining or descriptive part on cases of Columbia river salmon: but to use even that part of it on Tillamook salmon would be a fraud on the public as well as all persons engaged in the packing and sale of the former fish. And if the right hand part of this label constituted the lawful trade mark of the Union Packing company, the defendants under the sale aforesaid, may have the exclusive right to the use of it unless the failure to record it under the Oregon statute will prevent them

The two parts of this label are distinct and separate. The plaintiffs make no claim to restrain the use of the descriptive part, and the agency part no one has any right to use without their consent.

The only purpose the defendants can have in using their part of this label is to avail themselves of the reputation the plaintiffs have established in the markets of the world, as dealers in canned salmon. And even if their fish were in all respects equal to those sold by the plaintiffs, still they would by means of false representations, as to the plaintiffs' agency in the matter, so far divert or appropriate the good will of plaintiffs' business, that has cost them time, money and good conduct to establish

However, the fact is, the defendants' use of this label—at least the agency part of it—on the fish in question, involves a false and fraudulent representation calculated and intended to deceive the public and injure the plaintiffs by palming off on the former in the name of the latter, an inferior article of salmon for a superior one. The defendants are not only seeking, by this means, to appropriate or trade on the good will of the plaintiffs' business, but their conduct tends inevitably to injure or destroy such business

The defendant, Elmore in his affidavit, says that since the commencement of this suit he received an order from a merchant in Chicago for 450 cases of this salmon, and adds that the party sending the order knew that it was not Columbia river salmon. But he does not state that such party was also aware that the plaintiffs were not in fact the agents for its sale, or that the label was false in this particular as well as in the origin and character of the fish. And if the party was truly informed on both these points, does it follow that he would inform the retail dealers and consumers, to whom he might dispose of the fish that it is not what it purports to be, but a spurious article with which the plaintiffs have nothing to do. As was said by the chancellor in Coats v Holbrook (2 Sand Ch R [illegible]) in answer to a like attempt to palliate the immorality of a similar transaction: "The idea is preposterous [illegible] labels are not forged, counterfeited or imitated with any such honest design or expectation."

The law of this case considered as one of an unauthorized and fraudulent use of this label, including the representation that the plaintiffs are the sole agents of the fish in which it is placed is well stated in Anheuser Busch Brewing Association v Piza, 4 Fed Rep, 11

The plaintiff was a brewer in St Louis, and exported to South American ports beer in bottles, labeled "St Louis Lager Beer," where he had established a profitable trade in that article. The defendant shipped beer from New York to the same ports, labeled in the same way, and there made sales thereof under the impression on the part of the purchasers that it was really the beer of the plaintiff

On motion for an injunction (C C, S D N Y), the court held that while the plaintiff could not "have an exclusive property in the words St Louis, as a trade mark, or an exclusive right to designate its beer by the name of St Louis Lager Beer, yet as its beer has always been made at that city, its use of the designation upon its labels is entirely legitimate and if the defendant is diverting complainant's trade by any practice designed to mislead its customers, whether their acts consist in simulating its labels, or representing in any other way his products as those of the complainant, the latter is entitled to protection * * * It is unnecessary for present purposes to consider whether the complainant has a valid trade-mark or can have a technical trade-mark in the name St Louis. It is sufficient that it was lawful for the complainant to use that name to designate its property: that by doing so it has acquired a trade which is valuable to it and that the defendant's acts are fraudulent and create a dishonest competition detrimental to the complainant

As to the right of a party to be protected by injunction against an unlawful competition in trade by means of a simulated label—see also Brown on trade marks, s 93, 95, 96, 98

The defendants have no right to the use of this label as against the plaintiffs, so far as it represents them as being the sole agents for their fish and it is not only a fraud on the plaintiffs but a gross imposition on the public for them to do so

The injury to the plaintiffs arising from the conduct of the defendants in this respect is one that cannot be compensated for in damages for they cannot be computed, and therefore they have no plain, adequate remedy at law and are entitled to relief in equity by injunction. Let an injunction issue restraining the defendants from using the right hand division of the label or so much thereof as represents the plaintiffs as being the agents for the disposition of the fish contained in the can on which it may be placed

Mr C W Fulton for the plaintiffs

Mr Robert J McKee and Mr George W Yocum for the defendants.

DAYTON W T NOTES

DAYTON, W T, Dec. [illegible]

Postmaster Burns is attending court in Lewiston, I T

Mrs Chas Smith has returned from her visit to Portland

Miss M S Jefferson is convalescing from a protracted illness

Arthur Oppenheimer is fitting up his residence in fine style

John W Ranch and Al Frary of Pomeroy, are visiting friends here

Ike Carson an old Daytonite, but now of Ellensburg, is here on business.

Miss Ray Hexter, who has been attending school in Portland has returned

Miss M E Eggleston goes to Waitsburg on this evening's train to spend the holidays

A very pleasant whist party was given by Mrs M Hexter at her residence on the eve of the 1st inst

The diphtheria scare has abated. The three cases reported last week are gaining, and are now out of danger

The country is just now very healthy. There is but little sickness, and the doctors are in condolence with one another

Mrs B. Hatch one of the strongest temperance expounders that has ever visited this section, has gone to join her husband in Ashland, Oregon. Her husband accompanied her

Hon J W Jessee and his sister, Miss Mary Jessee, take the to-morrow evening train for Arlington, Oregon, where they will spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs Emma Condon

Some young ladies are agitating the subject of forming a musical society. This is a most excellent move and should be encouraged. The literary society which was started a short time ago is progressing nicely. The dramatic society has been frostbitten

Last Friday evening the Masons elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John Carr, W M: Andrew Neilson, S W: D C Guernsey, treasurer: Fred W Agatz, secretary. Owing to J W Rowland leaving soon for Portland, Dr Emil Bories was elected V C at the last meeting of Dayton lodge, K of P No 3

Hon S M Wait of Elberton, was visiting friends and relatives here during last week. Mr Wait is enthusiastic over his new town. In conversation with him I learn that ten residences all substantially built, are now finished and inhabited by as many families. There is too, a butcher shop, wagon shop, blacksmith, hotel, general merchandise store and warehouse. Many are coming in and investing

S O Harmoy has accepted a position as pharmacist in Day's drug store. J W Rowland, who has held that reliable position for some time, will soon leave for Portland, Oregon and enter into the wholesale drug house of Messrs Snell, Heitshu & Woodward. He evidently will take the road for the benefit of the above named house. Mr Rowland has made many warm friends during his sojourn here, who all wish him health and prosperity in his new calling

Last week the ever vigilant and careful jailer, G E Church, discovered that a hinge on the jail door had been tampered with by having a bolt sawed nearly through the same. On examination it was ascertained that the work was done by Chas Bruno, confined for stealing a horse and saddle, and awaiting his trial at the next term of court. Since his incarceration it has been ascertained that he is a deserter from Fort Alcatraz. The sheriff has since ornamented the gentleman with a pair of steel anklets

Last evening the Congregational church of this city was comfortably filled by the parents and friends of the participants in the kindergarten entertainment. The programme, which was a very good one, was well carried out. The recitation "Bachelors Sale," by the little ones was excellent. The piano duet by Misses Maude Wilson and Nora Smith was well rendered. Miss Mary McCauley's instrumental playing on the piano was very good. The young lady shows hard study and careful practice. She certainly has a brilliant musical future before her. Miss M E Eggleston, who had the entertainment in charge, also entertained the audience with some instrumental music on the piano, which showed her at once quite familiar with that instrument. She, too, is an excellent pianist, with rapid fingering and good touch. Both Miss McCauley and Miss Eggleston were recalled

Our Review of Mines

Astorian

THE OREGONIAN has just finished an exhaustive review of the mines of the Northwest. Exhaustive in its scope, it is of great value for its accuracy, a splendid advertisement of the mineral wealth of the Northwest, and a credit to the enterprising journal which produced it

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MEXICAN THEATERS

How the Drama of "Uncle Tom" is Given in Spanish

A correspondent of the Pittsburgh D[illegible] writing from the City of Mexico says: The Teatro Arbeu announces a genuine novelty for next week in the way of *La Cabaña del Tom*, or, in other words "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and all the residents of the American colony here are looking forward to no end of fun in seeing Mexicans personate [illegible] and negroes and in hearing them trying to speak Spanish with a negro dialect especially as a negro is something absolutely unknown in all Mexico

One very funny custom of the theaters here is their manner of keeping their reserved seat diagram, the seats being marked upon it by small holes in which are placed wooden pegs. When you buy a reserved seat the ticket seller removes the peg from the hole you have selected and gives it to you as your check. The ushers know the seat it designates by the length or color of the peg. This seems incredible but it is true

As soon as the act drop falls every gentleman puts on his hat, rises from his seat and turns about to take a view of the house through his lorgnette. They subsequently pass to the aisles to greet their friends, talking until the prompter's bell warns them that the curtain is about to rise. Then they hurry to their places and remove their hats. The appearance of a Mexican theater between the acts, its aisles crowded with groups of men talking and gesticulating wildly—would cause an unsophisticated American to think that free fights were in progress all over the house. Very few ladies wear bonnets in the theater, substituting black lace mantillas instead, and the [illegible] dispensed with at the theater, the [illegible] elaborately dressed, and as the great majority of the gentlemen are in full dress, the appearance of a Mexican audience is very brilliant

THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

The Current

[illegible] instruction of a mother may seem to have been thrown away but it will appear after many days. With children you must mix gentleness with firmness. A man who is learning to play on a trumpet and a petted child are two very disagreeable companions. If a mother never has headaches through rebuking her little children she will have plenty of heartaches when they grow up

At the same time a mother should not annoy her child with unnecessary foolish restrictions. It is a great mistake to fancy that a boy is made of glass and to be always telling him not to do this and not to do that for fear of his breaking himself. On the principle never to give pain unless it is to prevent a greater pain you should grant every request which is at all reasonable and let him see that your denial of a thing is for his own good and not simply to save trouble, but once having duly settled a thing hold to it. Unless a child learns from the first his mother's "yes" is yes and her "no" nay it will get into the habit of whining and endeavoring to coax her out of her refusal and her authority will soon be gone

Happiness is the natural condition of every normal child and if the small boy or girl has a peculiar facility for any one thing, it is for self entertainment with certain granted conditions of course. One of these is physical freedom and a few rude and simple playthings. Agreeable occupation is as great a necessity for children as for adults and beyond this almost nothing can be contributed to the real happiness of a child

"I try so hard to make my children happy," said a mother with a sigh, "one [illegible] in despair at her efforts. "Stop trying," exclaimed a practical friend at her elbow, "and do as a neighbor of mine does." "And how is that?" she asked doubtfully. "Why, she simply lets her children grow and develop naturally, only directing their growth properly. She has always thrown them as far as practical upon their own resources, taught them to wait upon themselves no matter how many servants she had, and to construct their own playthings. When sister turns home from an absence they want but one thing: their mother's kiss. Whatever has been bought for them is bestowed when the needed time comes. Nothing exciting is allowed to them at night and they go to bed and to sleep in a wholesome mental state that insures restful slumber. They are taught to love nature and to feel that there is nothing arrayed so finely as the lily of the field, the bees and the butterflies, that there is nothing so mean [illegible] nor anything so miserable as [illegible]. It seems to me that it is a disgrace to be sick. [illegible] that good health, good teeth and good [illegible] come from plain food, plenty of sleep and being good. In order to thrive children require a certain amount of letting alone. Supreme faith in the mother, few toys, no finery, plain food, no drugs and early to bed are the best things for making them happy."

A MODERN INSTANCE

Bob Burdette

"Home at last," said George Gradgrind joyously, "my education finished and my college days ended." "And yet," he added, "I do not rejoice over that. These years of study have been very pleasant." "The first year was the hardest, wasn't it, George?" asked his fond mother. "No, I can't exactly say that it was," replied George. "I didn't take up any studies the first year because I pulled stroke in the freshman crew and I was training to get into the foot ball team." "Oh," said his sister Jane, "the second year you had to work all the harder then?" "Well, not at books, because my second year I was president of the Intercollegiate Athletic League and that kept me busy traveling from college to college arranging for the various intercollegiate games." "Then you just had to hump yourself the third year," said his brother Will. "I am confidently." "Not in the class room I didn't," replied George, "the boat club fellows took a long yacht voyage that year winding up with a pedestrian trip through the south. It was grand. I felt like a new man." "So you had to crowd four years study into one?" said grandmamma. "I don't know. I suppose you might call it that," said George. "My fourth year I was a member of the glee club and we made a concert tour of all the principal cities in the country, and we didn't get through in time to get back for commencement. Haven't my books and diploma come home yet? I told my chum to get them together and send them by express." George's father said the books hadn't come, but he thought he had seen the diploma hanging up in the barn and he would go and get it. George looked out of the window and saw him bringing it. It was about three or four feet long and two inches wide, with a buckle at one end and a cross link at the other, and seemed to have been taken from life from an old plow horse. A stillness of death settled down over the family as father came along with it holding it in his rough brown hands, and George drew his breath hard. Oh [illegible] very hard. (Slow curtain)

What Pleased Her Most

Detroit Free Press

A damsel from the wilds had the good fortune to marry a young ranchman who had suddenly become rich. A bridal tour of all the large eastern cities was planned and away they went, jubilantly happy. On their return the bride was asked if she enjoyed herself. "Well I should smile," was her positive reply. "What did you think of Niagara falls?" "Oh, they was real nice, but I didn't care much for them." "How did you like Washington?" "Oh, pretty fair. Considerable, the capitol was pretty fine, but I don't take much stock in such things." "Did you go to New York?" "Yes, we dawdled round there a week and got tired of it. Brooklyn bridge was a good deal of a show, but I didn't see anything else I cared for." "Well now do tell me—what did you see that you'd most like to see again?" "What pleased you more than anything else?" The young bride's face brightened visibly, her eyes twinkled joyfully as she said: "Well when we were in Chicago we went to a dime museum and we see there a calf with two heads and two tails. It was born that way, I tell you it beat anything we ever heard of. John and me, we've both said many a time since that we'd rather see that calf again than all Washington and New York and Niagry falls put together. It just beat all."

AN EXPERIMENT IN HAND READING

Puck

For many years I have been a firm believer in the truth of palmistry, but I recently made an experiment which has shaken my faith in the art of hand reading in a measure. For the benefit of the public I have kindly consented to relate my experience so that the matter may be satisfactorily explained if such a thing be possible. There are a few contradictions in the result my experiment brought out which I am somehow unable to reconcile. I will therefore give my readers an opportunity to see what they can do to restore the lost harmony.

A few days ago, after attending a lecture upon hand reading by Professor A. Stork, [illegible] the famous British savant, at Pickering hall, I bought a book containing a key to all the lines of the hand defining them and describing their significance for weal or for woe. I then made an exact chart of the lines of my hand, showing the precise location of each bump on my palm and all the other distinguishing characteristics of its surface. Then I consulted the book with the following extraordinary result:

I am nervous and sensitive

I have a phlegmatic temperament and my feelings can never be hurt

I shall live to be ninety-seven years of age, six months and five days.

I shall die before I am forty from cholera infantum.

I shall marry a rich woman when I am twenty one

I shall be the mother of twins

My husband will have red hair and a wooden arm. He will not be rich but my first daughter will marry a rich Italian [illegible].

I shall never be a parent but my wife will be a widow with eight fatherless children

I shall never marry but my second cousin Sam's will go out West and be a Mormon.

I have no second cousin Sam but if I [illegible] in living I may have one before I die.

I am best fitted for the ministry or for bank burgling and will make a great success of either

I am very talkative, but as I never say anything of importance I need not worry about this symptom

I shall never be president of the United States but the czar has it in his mind to make me prince of Bulgaria. I had better not accept the position though because the trident on the mount of Jupiter warns me that I would suffer from cold feet if I ever became prince of Bulgaria

I shall always be rich

My will will be contested by a lawyer with one glass eye and a sallow complexion. I need not worry about that though for he will not win the case

I shall die in a poor house and intestate

I shall be drowned in the Arctic ocean while I am traveling there to see my daughter who has eloped with an Esquimaux seal hunter

This is all

Do you blame me, gentle reader, for being suspicious?

Can you reconcile these contradictions?

Calm and Candid

Detroit Free Press

When Gen Sherman entered Goldsboro N. C., after his march to the sea on his way to join Grant before Richmond there dwelt in that town a certain Col. X who was one of the most rabid secessionists that could be found. His house was situated in the north end of the city and at the end of a street so that any one coming into town from the north would see his residence as soon as he would enter the south end of this same street. When Gen Sherman and his staff came into the town they came up this street and stopped just in front of Col X's residence. The colonel, who was out on his porch, greeted them and an officer saluting him asked what his sentiments were in regard to the war

"I am a strong Union man, sir," answered the colonel with a dry smile

"Ah, indeed!" said the officer rather sarcastically, "and how long have you been a Union man?"

"I have been a Union man," said the colonel slowly, as if considering his words, "ever since I saw you and your staff come into the end of the street about fifteen minutes ago"

The candor of the colonel's reply pleased Gen Sherman and he ordered a guard placed around Colonel X's property and during the entire stay of the army in Goldsboro not a thing was molested in or around the premises although a great many of the fine private as well as public buildings were burned and pillaged

SPICE OF LIFE

Some men never pay anything but their respects

A father may succeed in cutting his son off without a cent, but he can't cut off the lawyers. [Kansas City Journal

John Bright has written another free trade pamphlet. Jones: "Yes, Smith. Free trade is Bright's disease" —[Tid Bits

A Philadelphia clergyman demands "What's in the bible?" to which we promptly reply: "Autumn leaves" —[New Haven News

Brown to Jones—I say, lend me a dollar until to-morrow: you see I changed my vest this morning. Jones—I'm sorry, but I've just invested my change —[Judge

Winter is here and it's high time you bought a sealskin sacque for your wife, a fur overcoat for yourself and had your horse clipped. [New Hartford Tribune

Boston young woman (just returning from the cooking school)—Emily, dear, see that man mixing mortar. New York young woman: Yes, horrid stuff, isn't it? Boston young woman: I wonder dear if he has to taste of it to see when it is ready to serve. [Tid Bits

He Certainly Put His Foot In It

Chicago Tribune

A prominent Chicago real estate man and his partner were the best of friends and their intimacy extended to personal as well as business matters. His partner was a bachelor and was in the habit of reading him letters of an ardent and affectionate nature from a young lady who signed herself "Susie." The hero of the story went away on an extended trip and returned just in time to attend the wedding of his partner. Wishing to show his good will he sent the happy couple a wedding present and at the wedding reception stepped gallantly forward to pay his respects

"I hardly feel like a stranger," he said in his sweetest tones, addressing the bride. "In fact I feel as though I ought to be quite well acquainted with my partner's wife, since he has often done me the honor to read me extracts from his dear Susie's letters."

The faces of the husband and speaker were studies, as the bride drew herself up and said emphatically and distinctly:

"I beg your pardon, sir. My name is Helen."

Chance to Supply a Felt Want.

Puck

"I see by a New York paper, Oscar," said Mrs Wilde, "that the demand for flats in that city is very great."

"Well?" queried Oscar

"Oh, nothing, but if you go to New York dear, you must take me with you."

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THE HATS THEY WEAR.

Toledo Blade.

President Cleveland loves a bellcrown high plug

Hon Jeremiah Harrigan wears a [illegible] hat in order that he may appear rakish.

Dan Lamont wears a small derby which covers a good many brains, however.

Attorney General Garland buys a new hat about as frequently as he resigns an office.

Secretary Bayard wears a very, very high hat which is never more than half raised.

Rev Henry Ward Beecher still sticks to the slouch hat worn sideways on his well proportioned head

Sunset Cox is the only American statesman who can wear and juggle of a hat and still look natural

Gov David B Hill always wears a well-fitting neatly brushed high hat, as every self respecting bachelor should do.

Secretary Lamar wears a high hat sometime and when he does, a Wisconsin poet could not describe his appearance

Secretaries Manning and Whitney are the only members of Cleveland's cabinet who [illegible] sport respectable head-gear.

O Donavan Rossa wears a plug hat Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and a slouch on the other days of the week. This is to [illegible] English spies

Henry George usually wears a slouch hat, but during the campaign was very frequently seen in a white plug hat. The latter may have cost him some votes.

There is one thing that will be [illegible] not mourned in the next congress, and that is horizontal Morrison's slouch. Its absence will almost console the free traders for that of Sweet William himself

Bishop John Loughlin, of Brooklyn, is probably the only man in the United States who wears a worse hat than Senator Evarts. His hats have been made on the same block for thirty years and are marvels of ugliness.

Why His Hair Came Off

Exchange.

The late Duke of York once remarked to Colonel W—— at the mess of the [illegible] that the colonel was uncommonly bald and although a younger man than his royal highness he stood more in need of a wig. The colonel, who had been of very long standing in the service, and whose promotion had been by no means rapid, informed his royal highness that his baldness could be very easily accounted for.

"In what manner?" asked his royal highness rather eagerly. To which Colonel W—— replied

"By junior officers stepping over my head."

The duke was so pleased with the reply that the gallant colonel obtained promotion in a few days afterwards.

"My Attention has been Called."

Philadelphia Times.

Every editor knows the man whose attention has just been called to an article in the paper. He is very numerous. Doubtless others have long wondered if there were not some person in the world who devoted their time to calling the attention of other people to newspaper articles. Perhaps this first suggested to a New York journalist the idea of establishing a bureau for the accommodation of persons who desire to have their attention called to what the newspaper say about them. At all events he did start such a concern and it is now running in full blast. He employed men to read the papers for folks who don't have a very high opinion of the press, never look at the papers and don't care what the papers say about them, and these ten men have a lot of boys on the jump all day pasting and mailing the clippings. The list of subscribers is long and includes people in every profession and line of business. A subscriber pays $5 to get his name on the list, and then 5 cents for each article clipped and sent to him. The bureau receives all the daily, weekly and monthly publications of this country and the principal papers of foreign countries, and the readers go through about 2000 every day.

Such a bureau is the whispering gallery of journalism. The obscure country paper assails its readers with a slashing editorial on grinding railway monopolists, and when the editor takes his summer vacation and writes to the superintendent of a big road for a pass all over the country, he wonders why he doesn't get it. The explanation is that the president of that road has had his attention called, to everything said about his company in the public press.

Decline of Population in France.

M Berbiguier, a French writer, has recently published an article on the progress of population in France, in which he says that the natural annual increase in population has fallen from [illegible] to 10,000 inhabitants between 1821 and 1841, to 94 between 1841 and 1861, then to [illegible] between 1861 and 1881 and finally, in 1885, to [illegible]. The figures show that this lamentable falling off is not due to any excessive increase in the number of deaths, which are, in fact, fewer in proportion than the European average, though this is partly owing to the smaller proportion of children—among whom mortality is more frequent—in France. It is upon this small proportion of children, this decrease in the annual number of births in proportion to the population, that M Berbiguier lays the blame of the evil results already mentioned. The facts are, indeed, alarming. The whole number of births in 1885 was no greater than in 1805, when France had 8 000,000 fewer inhabitants. Affairs are worse in some parts of France than in others; Normandy sins especially in this respect, while in old-fashioned Brittany the old-fashioned large families still hold their own. M. Berbiguier calls upon all interested in these symptoms of national decay to make special and careful inquiries upon the subject in their different districts, in order that the facts, once authoritatively established, the local causes of them may be sought, in the hope that the proper measures for combating them will be discovered at the same time

POISONING CHILDREN.

Forty years ago almost every mother thought her child must have paregoric or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce sleep, and a few drops too many of them, will produce the sleep from which there is no waking. Many are the children who have been killed and whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. The sale of opium in any form stupefies, intoxicates, and in small quantities, kills. China resisted its importation by a war with Great Britain. In Austria and other countries, druggists are prohibited from selling any of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labeling them "poison." [illegible] children can be conveniently stupefied [illegible] forced into silence by a dose of narcotic [illegible] their stomachs might be full of indigestible food. The definition of "narcotic" is, "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which, in poisonous doses, produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The dangerous nature of opium medicines [illegible] better understood, some dealers disguised them [illegible] taste and smell in various mixtures, and [illegible] to sell the same ingredient under the names of "Soothing [illegible]" "Godfrey's Cordial," "Bateman's Drops," etc. Many substitutes for dangerous [illegible] and experiments have been searched for and experimented with [illegible] the only effective and reliable one found was [illegible] of senna, pumpkin seed, [illegible] and clarified sugar. This [illegible] with pronounced favor on the part of [illegible] and medical authorities. [illegible] physicians with results so gratifying that [illegible] the originator of the formula procured [illegible] the name of "Castoria," the protection of the Patent Offices of the United States and other governments. It is thus seen that the discovery of this [illegible] and beneficent remedy was not an accident. [illegible] be used [illegible] with safety [illegible] by a physician, this prescription [illegible] Castoria is [illegible] the present extended use of [illegible] the result of three facts: 1st, That it [illegible] evidence that it is harmless; 2d, That it [illegible] stomach pains and quiets the nerves, [illegible] food; and 3d, It is an agreeable [illegible] substitute for castor oil. This is a good deal for a [illegible] to say. Our duty, however, is to [illegible] and record the means of advancing [illegible] danger [illegible] poisoning innocent children [illegible] ought to end. To our knowledge, Castoria is a remedy which produces composure and health by regulating the system—not by stupefying it, and our readers are entitled to the information.—Hall's Journal of Health.

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